**Class Guidelines: US History**

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**Objectives**: This class will show an understanding of the United States’ culture, politics and people of the past. Although this class will review the first half of US History, the primary focus of this class will be on the last half of US History starting after the Civil War and Reconstruction and covering through the year 2000. We will accomplish this through the use class lectures, note taking, activities, homework, quizzes, and tests. The amount of activities, homework, and lecture depends on you, the class. Appropriate behavior and following directions will allow for a more activity oriented class periods. Choose your actions carefully!!!

**Student Responsibilities:**

1. Report to class on time and be prepared
2. Follow all directions the first time
3. Complete all assignments
4. Respect the rights and property of others
5. Use only appropriate language and behavior
6. Raise your hand for recognition

**Teacher Responsibilities:**

1. Stress the completion of student work
2. Help develop study skills
3. Promote organization
4. Stress the importance of learning
5. Emphasize problem solving
6. Encourage personal growth
7. Show the need for the subject in our daily lives
8. Be enthusiastic about the subject area
9. Have Fun!!!!

**Attendance**: Attendance is an important part of successfully completing any class. Without regular attendance, students can easily fall behind. Regular attendance is expected.

**Class Preparation**: Students should come to class prepared. The assigned textbook, a notebook, folder, and pen or pencil will be required for every class. Any other materials or special preparations will be explained to the class prior to its meeting. Students who come to class unprepared and/or are not in their assigned seats when the bell rings, will be marked tardy. Students who are not prepared for activities will not be able to participate in that activity and will receive a zero for that day’s work.

**Homework Assignments**: Homework assignments consist of daily readings, activity projects, written book work, etc……. Homework will be expected to be completed and handed in at the beginning of each class period. In cases of absences, students will be responsible to get all notes and assignments missed. Students will have one day to make up assignments, for excused absences, for every day missed. Late assignments will NOT be accepted. The student’s name, the date the assignment is turned in, and the name of the assignment is required in the upper right hand corner of the homework assignment.

**Test and Quizzes**: Tests and Quizzes are a vital tool in evaluating student and teacher objectives. Therefore, students can expect quizzes from class notes and reading assignments as needed, and unit tests every 2-3 weeks.

**Grading Scale:**

100-94% = A 72 – 70% = C-

93 – 90% = A- 69 – 67% = D+

89 – 87% = B+ 66 – 63% = D

86 – 83% = B 62 – 60% = D-

82 – 80% = B- 59 – 50% = E

79 – 77% = C+ 49 and below = F

76 – 73% = C

Final Grades for this class will be figured as follows:

Tests and Quizzes = 40%

Homework and Labs = 40%

Class Participation = 20%

Semester exams are worth 20% of the semester grade.

**Class Participation**: Class participation is an important part of the learning environment. At the end of each week, a participation grade will be added to the grade book. It will be worth approximately 20% of the grade. Participation points are given on a weekly bases. Students earn points by participating in class discussions, taking class notes, using class time wisely (to get class work done), listening to directions, and being prepared to class.

**Misc.**:

1. Hall Passes: Hall passes will NOT be given. Be sure to use the bathroom and get a drink BEFORE coming to class.
2. Required class materials:

* Pens/pencils (blue or black ink only, please)
* Folders for handouts, tests, and assignments
* Spiral Notebook for reading notes.