



## Course Syllabus

### **US HISTORY-**

**Course Design:** US History is a two-semester survey of American History from the Age of Exploration and Discovery to The Gilded Age. We will be focusing on concepts, approaches, and vocabulary used by historians.

#### **Course Objectives - Students will:**

Demonstrate an understanding of how geography influenced the development of the United States.

Develop a basic understanding of the of United States Government.

Develop effective study skills that will be needed in future academic undertakings.

Work effectively with other to produce products.

#### **Course Texts**

The American Journey (course textbook)

The Story of American (in-room textbook)



### **GRADING SCALE:**

<b>A</b>	<b>92.5-100</b>
<b>A-</b>	<b>89.5-92.4</b>
<b>B+</b>	<b>85.5-89.4</b>
<b>B</b>	<b>79.5-84.4</b>
<b>B-</b>	<b>78.5-81.4</b>
<b>C+</b>	<b>72.5-76.4</b>
<b>C</b>	<b>71.5-75.4</b>
<b>C-</b>	<b>68.5-71.4</b>
<b>D+</b>	<b>64.5-68.4</b>
<b>D</b>	<b>59.5-64.4</b>
<b>F</b>	<b>BELOW 59.5</b>

### **CLASS ASSIGNMENTS:**

**MAKE HAY, WHILE THE SUN SHINES.** Late assignments will be given a score of zero. This will be indicated by a symbol on your progress report. Missing assignments will be indicated by a "mi" on your progress report. All assignments are due on the day they are due. There are always circumstances that will be taken into consideration, such as unexpected illness of family emergency.

**YOU REAP WHAT YOU SOW.** Missing assignments will result in lower grades. It is your responsibility to complete and turn in your assignments. Make-up work is the responsibility of the student. A student that misses a test must immediately schedule a make-up test upon their arrival back to school. Quizzes are spontaneous activities and may not be made up as such. Students will be given an alternative assignment.

**THE MORE YOU ROLL OVER A DEAD CAT THE FLATTER IT GETS.** It is important that you review your notes for at least 20 minutes each day. Your notes are essentially your test. Classroom assignments repeat important aspects of the unit you are studying. Therefore, it is worthwhile to make time to complete them.

**DON'T WORRY ABOUT THE HORSE BEING BLIND LOAD THE WAGON.** You have an important job, learning! Do your job and let everyone else do theirs. Establish good habits now and it will pay dividends in the future.

**MAKE SURE YOU GET ALL THE HAY IN THE BARN BEFORE YOU CLOSE THE DOOR.** It's the little things that make the big things possible. A prime example is to make sure you have a proper heading on all items submitted.

**Agenda Book Check (ABC)**-Students are required to keep an accurate and updated record of assignments and due dates. It is further required that students get their parent/guardian to sign off on their agenda book. The ABC is worth 50 points per week and can not be made up. The ABC will be done at the end of each week.

### **CLASS ROOM RULES:**

- 1. Be in your seat before the bell begins to ring.**
- 2. Be prepared: Bring all necessary materials to class.**
- 3. Follow directions the first time given.**
- 4. Raise your hand and wait to be recognized, before speaking.**
- 5. Keep hands, feet, and other objects to yourself.**



