

Potsdam Central High School

United State History
Full Year – 2017-2018
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Topics

America's Cultural Roots	America Comes of Age
England's American Colonies	World War I and the 1920s
American Revolution	The Great Depression and the New Deal
Establishing the New Nation	World War II
The Early Republic	Postwar America
Reshaping America in the Early 1800s	Civil Rights and Reforms in the 1960s
Sectional Divisions and Civil War	Vietnam War Era
Reconstruction	An Era of Change
Industry and Immigration	America in the 1980s and 1990s
Challenges in the Late 1800s	America in the Twenty-First Century

Course Structure

Investigate, Connect, Synthesize and Demonstrate - We will use a variety of tools to accomplish those goals. A partial list includes:

Analyze Visuals	Interpreting Political Cartoons
Biographies	Supreme Court Cases
Document Based Investigations	Primary Sources
Geography and History	Reading a Chart
History Comics	Project Based Learning

This course is a survey of the history of the United States from its founding through today. Our task is to discover important events in history and the lessons that citizens can learn from them.

Evaluation

The grading for this course is based on the following:

1. Chapter Tests, Presentations - 40%
2. Summative Assignments (Examples: Projects, Written Paragraphs) - 40%
3. Formative Assignments (Examples: Assigned Reading, Reflections, Quizzes) – 20%

Homework assignments in this course can be either Formative or Summative. Failure to complete any assignment could result in a disciplinary referral. Students are responsible for all coursework if they are absent. Failure to complete all required coursework could result in a grade of Incomplete. Late assignments from 1 to 7 calendar days from the due date will be penalized 10%. Late assignments from 8 to 14 calendar days from the due date will be penalized 20%. Assignments later than 14 calendar days will not be accepted and will receive 0 points.

Final Grade = 1st Quarter, 20% 2nd Quarter 20%, 3rd Quarter 20%, 4th Quarter 20%, Final Exam 20%

Students and Parents who register may view grades online using SchoolTool

Academic Honesty Policy

All writing that you submit for credit in this course will be your own work. Do not copy published or unpublished writing without providing a full citation for the work. If you have any question about proper documentation of sources, see me for guidance. No credit can be awarded for work that violates the standards of academic honesty.

Textbook

We will be using digital courseware from Pearson Education. The title is United States History - 2016 Edition. We will have a classroom set of books available but all students will have access both at school and home to the program. Most student work will be turned in online. Students will each have a Chromebook to use during class time.

Materials

Students are required to come prepared for class every day. You will need the following items:

- Separate notebook and folder for this class. (Prefer one with perforated edges)
- 2 Pens or Pencils
- Colored Pencils, Markers (Needed some days – Keep them in your locker)
- Earphones.