

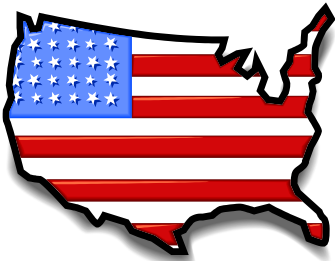
Beal City High School
American History

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American History is a one-credit Social Studies class that is required for graduation. This course is designed to introduce relevant concepts of American History. During the semester we will consider how America evolved throughout history and the economic, social and political impact this has had our country and internationally. I believe this leads to a better understanding of our society today and helps us make decisions about the future.

CLASS PARTICIPATION

- ▶ Class participation is mandatory for the American History class.
- ▶ Many assignments will include group and class discussions.
- ▶ Your attention is expected and required for every class period.
- ▶ You will be expected to participate in class on a daily basis and your willingness to do so will be reflected in your grade.

ASSIGNMENTS

- ▶ Late assignments will receive 50% off of the points earned and if your assignment is more than 1 day late, you will not receive credit.
- ▶ For every excused absence, you will be given the same number of days to complete your assignments for full credit, as stated in the Handbook.
- ▶ All late assignments, regardless of whether they are excused or not, must be attached to a completed Homework Excuse Note – located on the in-box.
- ▶ If you miss an assignment that involves class participation you may be required to complete a written assignment in place of it.
- ▶ You will receive a Homework Coupon. This may be used in place of an assignment less than 25 points. The Coupon may not be used on quizzes or tests. You will be responsible to keep track of your Coupon. If you lose it, you will not receive another one.

- ▶ Any assignment or project that has been assigned at least 3 days prior to the due date will still be due if you are in attendance anytime during the day at Beal City High School – regardless of whether you come to American History class. You will be responsible to turn it in to me personally or leave it in the office to be turned in my mailbox.

GRADING

- ▶ You will be assessed in a variety of ways throughout the semester. You will be assigned projects, class assignments, group discussions and scheduled exams.
- ▶ Your participation, effort and attitude will be part of your final grade for each of the nine weeks.
- ▶ You will receive a progress report every two weeks. A parent or guardian must sign your progress report. This is not extra credit – it is a graded assignment.
- ▶ You may also check your grades on line any time. I update them at least twice a week. Please understand that grades are not necessarily posted the day an assignment is due because I need time to grade it.
- ▶ You will take a cumulative final exam at the end of the second semester that will cover material from the entire class. A study guide will be provided for you and I will also hold at least two review sessions.

EXTRA CREDIT

- ▶ Extra Credit will occasionally be given throughout the semester. Those people who turn all of their required assignments in will be eligible for extra credit points.

CLASSROOM EXPECTATIONS

- ▶ Be respectful to everyone in the class.
- ▶ You will be required to give two public “put-ups” if you choose to put anyone down in class.

WHAT YOU WILL NEED FOR CLASS

- ▶ You will be required to come to class prepared every day. This means that you will have your textbook, a writing utensil, and any homework or other assignments.
- ▶ To those students who find themselves unorganized I suggest they purchase a 3-ring binder. This will help you keep all of your graded assignments in order for study purposes.
- ▶ The **MOST IMPORTANT** thing you must bring to class is an open mind and a willingness to learn.

FOR THE STUDENT:

By signing this portion of the syllabus you are stating that you have read the class syllabus and you understand and agree to abide by the classroom expectations.

Student's signature

date

FOR THE PARENT/ GUARDIAN

By signing this portion of the syllabus you are stating that you have read the class syllabus and you understand it. You are also stating that you know you may reach me by phone or email to discuss any question or concerns you may have, as well as to set up an appointment to see me personally.

Parent's signature

date