U.S. History Syllabus

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South Oldham High School

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United States History focuses on American history since the Civil War, essentially picking up the narrative where Eighth Grade Social Studies left off. In the class, we will be using materials developed by the Teachers’ Curriculum Institute. These materials provide a curriculum framework that requires active student involvement in studying U.S. history.

**Teacher Content Information**

I have 2nd period planning. I usually arrive at school around 7:45. I will not leave school before 3:45 and often will be able stay later than that if you need to see me. If you need to see me before 7:45 or after 3:45, please make arrangements before. My e-mail address at school is Kenneth.burke@oldham.kyschools.us. The telephone number is 241-6681, ext. 103.

**Class Materials**

Though I realize that no one likes to do homework, it is impossible to be successful in most high school courses without doing some homework. Therefore, you will frequently have reading assignments for homework. Along with the assigned readings you will also have questions to answer. These questions will serve as your study guide for the tests. It is important that you do them.

Homework may also involve long-term assignments such as reading a book, writing a paper, or preparing for a presentation. You should be prepared for these types of assignments.

**Grading**

The schedule for the year is divided into 8 Eras. During the study of each of these Eras your learning will be evaluated through an Era Test which will include both multiple choice and essay questions. Throughout the study of the Era you will take chapter quizzes, write essays, and other assignments like projects or papers. You will have homework assigned (as mentioned above) but your homework will rarely be graded. Essentially, your grade for this course will depend totally upon your ability to show what you know. If you do not learn U.S. history, you will not pass.

Grading percentages break down this way.

Era Tests, Quizzes, Projects 40%

Binder Checks, Essays, and In class: 30%

Midyear: 10%

Final: 20%

**Schedule for the Year**

Below is a list of what we will study and an estimate of how long each topic should take.

Era 1: Establishing an American Republic 20 days

Era 2: Industrialism and Reform 20 days

Era 3: Expanding American Global Influence 20 days

Era 4: The Roaring Twenties and the Great Depression 20 days

Midyear Test 3 days

Era 5: World War II and the Cold War 20 days

Era 6: The Search for a Better Life 20 days

Era 7: Tumultuous Times 20 days

Era 8: The Making of Modern America 20 Days

Review and Final TBD

**Class Materials**

You will be expected to have the following materials for U.S. History.

• 2” Binder with 5 tabs broken into these sections:

* Unit Assignment Sheets & Bell Ringers
* Vocabulary
* Notes
* Handouts
* Graded Work

• Loose leaf paper

• Pencils/pens (black or blue)

**Classroom Rules and Procedures**

• You will be excused to leave the classroom to go to the restroom 3 times during the year.

• NO food or drinks are allowed in the classroom. This includes GUM!

• There is no late work accepted. If your work is not submitted on time you will receive a zero.

• There is no extra credit available for any reason. Please don’t ask.

• Keep up with your grade through Infinite Campus. It is your responsibility.

• If you are absent on a day when a test is scheduled or an assignment is due, it is your responsibility to schedule a make-up day. Make-ups should often be scheduled during detention times or during ESS times (before or after school)