***U.S. History Syllabus***

**2023-2024 School Year**

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Planning Period: 3rd

**Course Description:**

This is a survey course of United States history. Students will be required to understand and analyze our nation’s history. Students will work to gain a full understanding of the significance of events, decisions, and data. A chronological approach will be used with periodic thematic organization in order to determine the causes and effects that are so important in truly understanding the meaning and significance of history.

America is *the* richest, most powerful country in the world.  Its citizens enjoy a wealth and lifestyle greater than many nations because of the decisions and sacrifices made by previous generations.  The goal of this course is to instill an understanding and appreciation for the sacrifices and decisions that have been made to create and continue the ideals of democracy which this country was founded on.

**Course Content:**

The focus of United States History is the story of the American people. From the period of the establishment of various European colonies, and the creation of the United States as a new nation during the American Revolution. The territorial expansion to the West, the American Civil War and Reconstruction, the Industrialization and Immigration of the late nineteenth century, and the United States developing role in world affairs in the twentieth and twenty-first centuries, including but not limited to the Great Depression, WWI, WWII, and the Civil Rights Movement

**Course Prerequisites:**

World History…American Government…World Geography

**Course Procedures:**

* Make sure you are in class on time and prepared to learn.
* Bring your Notebook every day; it is your lifeline in U.S. History.
* Complete Vocabulary.
* Read whiteboard **(all info for lesson located there).**
* Participate, Work Hard and put forth an honest effort. You have the ability to succeed in this class if you do these things.
* Cooperate with your classmates.  Compete only against yourself.
* **Come to class prepared!**  This means you have your supplies, your homework, and have taken care of any personal needs.  I rarely give out passes, so if you forget something, you are out of luck. Remember the 15 minute rule as I strictly enforce it!

**Materials Needed:**

**Each** **student must have a 2 to 3 inch, 3-ring binder with paper and dividers to store classroom work.**  In addition, pencils, pens and plenty of loose-leaf paper are essential.  Other materials maybecome necessary for additional assignments.***ALWAYS BRING YOUR MATERIALS TO CLASS!***

**Rules:**

* **PHONES ARE NOT ALLOWED UNLESS AUTHORIZED BY ME! SEE STUDENT HANDBOOK RULE NOW, BEFORE IT’S TOO LATE! THIS IS A WARNING!!**
* **Know** and **Obey** the **Rules of the Code of Conduct** and the **Student Handbook**.
* **Read and Follow Mr. O’Keefe’s Classroom Rules**.
* **Be on time** and sharpen pencils **BEFORE** class begins.
* Have all appropriate materials and supplies at your desk and be seated and working on the bell project when the bell rings.
* Respect the people, equipment and furnishings of this room.
* **Follow Directions the first time they are given.**
* **Treat others as you would like to be treated, be respectful to yourself as well as others.**

**Evaluation Percentages:**

**Major Grades 40% Minor Grades 60%**

Tests Quizzes

Projects Classwork

**Homework: (Weekly)**

Homework will be posted on Monday and due on Friday of the same week.

Homework is due at the **BEGINNING** of class Friday and to be turned in on time.

If it is not completed when turned in, it is late. Late homework is subject to a penalty!

**Activities/Projects:**

These are to be completed by you alone, unless instructed otherwise. All work is to be your own, **cheating, copying and plagiarism will not be tolerated in any form**. A rubric will be provided for each student, so they will know what is expected, and how it is to be completed.

**Make Up Work:**

**It is the responsibility of the student to make up missed work.** Make up work is due the day after the student returns to class, or 5 days in the event of an extended absence (see student handbook). Unexcused absences will be given a zero for that day.

“What you do today, echoes throughout eternity”

Maximus Decimus Meridius