



Gifted/Honors United States History

2024-2025

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Student Remind: Text @husfree to the number 81010

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Course Description:

United States History provides students with a survey of major events and themes in United States history. The course begins with English settlement and concludes with significant developments in the early 21st Century. This course will be taught to fulfill the Georgia Standards of Excellence The syllabus is subject to change when necessary in order to meet all the objectives for this course including Georgia Standards of Excellence.

Course Structure: All students are expected to complete every assignment assigned during the course. Chapter tests will be announced at least one week prior to the test. All other assignments will be announced in advance. Students are expected to keep a binder of all class assignments, notes, etc. In order to prepare you for the U.S. History Milestone Exam, homework will be assigned in this course.

The Georgia U.S. History Milestones Exam is a mandatory end-of-course test that must be completed to receive credit for the course and the test score will represent ten percent (10%) of a students' final/yearly grade. In order to be successful on this test, students must study and go over classroom notes on a daily to weekly basis. Students will be required to participate in class discussions and an extensive amount of time will be devoted to note taking, research, reading and writing.

Parents/Guardians may reach me at the above email address, the Parent Remind, or by phone at the AR Johnson main number.

Course Supplies:

- 3 Ring Binder – 1.5 inch
- Ink Pens; Black or Blue ONLY
- Pencils
- College Ruled Notebook paper
- Highlighters
- Index Cards (5-6 packs of 100 count)
- Composition Book
- Section Dividers for 5 sections
- School Issued Laptop

*(Colored pencils or markers, Tissue, Sanitizer, and First Aid supplies suggested for all students)

Grading Policy:

- Minor Grades = 60% of a student's grade (quizzes, coursework and discussions, labs, warm ups)
- Major Grades = 40% of a student's grade (unit tests, essays, research papers, project-based assignments, and other culminating assessments).

***Note:** Major and minor grades will account for 80% of a student's overall grade. A final exam or project will be given that will account for 20% of a student's overall grade **(1st semester only)**

Late Work Policy:

The ability to prioritize your time and meet deadlines is a critical skill for success in college, work and life.

Students are expected to submit assignments on time. Multiple incidents of late work may result in teacher-student-parent conferences to examine and correct the student's work habits through an academic contract.

Late work will be reduced by 5% per school day for a 25% maximum reduction (five school days). Late work submitted after the fifth school day will only be accepted at the teacher's discretion. Completing work in a timely manner during the learning unit is essential for academic success.

Students are given ample time to complete their work both in and outside of class. Additionally, students and parents may contact me if they have questions about the work or need assistance meeting the due dates.

Tutoring: This course requires significant time and commitment by both the student and teacher to achieve its goal of learning the width and breadth of the content of this class. Tutoring will be determined based on the needs and schedule of the students/myself after school starts. I am available to accommodate any individual student needs on a day and time mutually convenient.

CLASS PROCEDURES AND EXPECTATIONS

- 1. Content for this course will also be available in CANVAS. All students are required to follow the content and complete all work that is outlined and contained in CANVAS. Physical handouts will also be given to the students.
- 2. Bring the following to class everyday: book, notebook, paper and pen and your school issued laptop.
- 3. You must be in your seat BEFORE the tardy bell rings and read the Agenda Board to prepare for the day's class.
- 4. Make up work will be done within 5 days of the absence. It is the student's responsibility to obtain missed assignments or information. Communication is KEY. Always communicate obstacles with the teacher or when you will be absent.
- 5. Students will be given multiple opportunities to show mastery of the standards and course content. Additionally, students will be given remediation and reinforcement activities following every unit test.
- 6. Plagiarism and Cheating (including copying another student's work) will not be tolerated. School policy will be strictly followed and enforced. Students will be instructed and coached on the appropriate use of secondary source materials.
- 7. Students must abide by the Richmond County School System Acceptable Use Policy when working on RCSS computers.
- 8. We shall exercise common courtesy and only one person will talk at a time. A positive attitude is mandatory for this class. We shall respect the other people in the class, their property and their opinions. You are expected to be polite, to behave appropriately and to be positive.
- 9. No eating or drinking in the classroom. Attend to personal business BEFORE class. Exceptions for medical conditions will be allowed.
- 10. All rules in the student handbook will apply in this class.

Consequences: The first offense of these rules will result in a verbal warning. The second offense will result in discussion and written documentation with student and contact with parent or guardian; The third offense will result in an office referral.

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date: _____

Student Signature _____ Date: _____

Teacher Signature: _____ Date: _____