



Disclosure Statement

Mr. Nesbit
Alta High School
U.S. History



Course Description

Understanding United States history is essential for the continuation of our democratic society. This course will help students make connections between their world and the rich heritage of United States history. The course is designed as a survey of American history with an emphasis on post-Reconstruction America (1876-Present), but will include a review of the earlier period. Difficult and controversial subjects are inseparably connected with the study of history. Many of these topics will be discussed in this United States history class. Some films (G, PG) will be shown to illustrate historical points and themes. Over the course of the year students enrolled in the class will develop quality study skills, the ability to write well, and an understanding of the events and people that have shaped the United States of America.

Materials

1. Students need to bring a pen or pencil, paper, and any handouts given to them in prior classes each day.
2. Students are also need to have a three ring binder with pockets or designated folder to use in keeping assignments, taking notes and storing handouts.

Grading Policy

Grading in this course will be done on a point basis. The points will be divided into three categories: assignments, participation, and tests/quizzes. The percentage of points earned will determine the students' letter grade.

93-100....A	90-92...A-	87-89...B+
83-86.....B	80-82...B-	77-79...C+
73-76.....C	70-72...C-	67-69...D+
63-66.....D	60-62...D-	0-59....F

Participation

To be successful in any class student attendance and participation is a must. If you are not in class you are missing information taught, class discussion, and explanation of assigned work. It is the student's responsibility to make up any missing work within a weeks' time of that absence. Please contact me about missing work or look at our class calendar online at hawkhistory.weebly.com. This will be the way you stay up with classwork. Communication with the teacher is a must so please begin the process of makeup by contacting me before or on the day of the absence.

Assignments

Students will be required to complete a variety of assignments, both in class and at home. Points for assignments will be weighted on completeness and quality. It is vital for the student to succeed that he/she finish and turn in assigned **work on time**. Late work will be accepted for one calendar week after the assignments original due date, with a 10% reduction each day it is late! (*Other unforeseen circumstances will be handled on an individual basis. Extending due dates will only happen if the student has communicated with the teacher. Please email me with any exceptions at cody.nesbit@canyonsdistrict.org*). Missed assignments will need to be gathered ahead of time or after the students' absence **before** school, not during class time. Missed assignments may be found on hawkhistory.weebly.com. Assignments will be worth approximately 40% of the final grade.

Test/Quizzes

Students can expect between 2-3 tests per quarter and several quizzes on assigned reading. Tests will consist of materials taught in class through lecture, group work, class activities, and the assigned text readings. Tests may consist of multiple choice, short answer, true/false and essay. Tests/quizzes will be worth approximately 60% of the final grade. Students will only be able to make up a test/quiz if the absence is excused. Students will be asked to email the teacher if absent for a test/quiz so that a makeup date can be set as soon as possible.

Class Rules

The rules that I have set for my class are simple, but will be strictly enforced to assure a safe learning environment.

1. Students will show respect to the teacher and other classmates.
2. Students must come to class prepared and ready to work.
3. Students must be honest at all times. (No plagiarizing!) Definition: *the practice of taking someone else's work or ideas and passing them off as one's own.* Plagiarism will result in a "0" for the assessment and a guardian will be informed.
4. Students must be productive (use class time wisely)
5. **NO ELECTRONIC DEVICES!** (*Please reduce distractions by turning off all electronics before you come to class*)

Consequences

If one or more of these rules are broken the following discipline will occur:

- 1st offense...A student/teacher conference will be held to discuss in private, the unacceptable behavior and possible repercussions if the behavior persists.
- 2nd offense...Contact with the students parent/guardian will be made and the student may be referred to the school administration.
- 3rd offense...The student will be required to have a conference with himself or herself, the teacher, the administration, and the parent or guardian.

Extra Credit

Extra credit opportunities may be presented a few times throughout the course of the term. These opportunities will be given to the entire class. Extra credit on an individual basis will not be given.

Collaboration/Consultation

If you need extra work time, to make up a test, quiz, hand in make-up work or you have any questions about missing assignments etc. due to absences, you will need to see me during office hours **7:10am – 7:40am** Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday in ROOM #1302. You may also contact me by email or go to our class website and find missing work at **hawkhistory.weebly.com**. I will not use class time to discuss individual circumstances. Advisory class is a great time to keep up with classwork, take advantage!

Final Remarks

I look forward to a great upcoming year. If you have any questions feel free to contact me by phoning the school or emailing me at **cody.nesbit@canyonsdistrict.org**.

Sincerely,

Mr. Nesbit

CLASS PERIOD

I have read and understand the disclosure statement for this U.S. History course.

Student (*please print*) _____

Student Signature _____

Parent/Guardian _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____

Parent/Guardian email _____

Date _____

Phone Number _____

*** You will detach this page and turn into me for points. Please fill out completely and write information legible, Thanks!**

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