North Hunterdon High School

U.S. History II CP

11th and 12th Grade

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* Course Description
  + This course encompasses a more in depth survey of American history from colonization to the emergence of industrial America. The role of the United States in the world is considered through the lenses of historical, political, economic, socio/cultural, and geographical developments. The creation and evolution of the American system of government and the rights and responsibilities of citizenship are emphasized. Students will be expected to read for comprehension, analyze primary and secondary sources, and engage in class discussions. Projects, varied writing assignments, simulations, research papers and both formative and summative assessments serve to reinforce course concepts and themes. Homework on a regular basis is an expectation of this course.
  + Each of you brings various talents into the classroom such as your ability to write, debate, act, draw, recite, and etc. All of these skills will be called on during the course of the academic year. There will be assignments that you will easily excel in because they call on your strengths. However, there will be other assignments that will be a challenge for you and you will be expected to do your best.
* Course Materials: *MUST* have the following on a day to day basis unless informed otherwise
  + **Textbook:**
    - \*ONLINE TEXTBOOK WEBSITE\*: [**https://www.pearsonsuccessnet.com/snpapp/login/login.jsp**](https://www.pearsonsuccessnet.com/snpapp/login/login.jsp) **Username: UShistory9  
      Password: nhhslions9 (also posted on my website)**
  + **Notebook:**
    - **Three ring binder**
      * A three ring binder is mandatory in this course
      * Throughout the year, we may collect notes unannounced for a grade to check your organization. (Could be 1 day worth of notes, a week, or even a full unit worth of notes)
  + **Course Folder:** 
    - A folder is required to hold all graded work for the quarter, handouts, etc. Helpful for two reasons. (1) In case there is a mistake in the grading for the quarter, you have a personal record to acknowledge the need for a change. (2) Allows for a good bank of study materials that you can have with you at all times. Folders can be provided in the classroom.
  + **On any given day during the school year, we will check to make sure you are bringing the above materials to class. We will give unannounced book, notebook, and/or folder checks worth anywhere from 10-20 points.**

* Grading:

*Percent Letter Percent Letter*

93 and above A 77-79 C+

90-92 A- 73-76 C

87-89 B+ 70-72 C-

83-86 B 67-69 D+

80-82 B- 64-66 D

63 and below F

* + Policy: In calculating marking period grades, each student will be evaluated on a point system. Each assessment is worth a set amount of possible points.
    - * + **Total Points Earned/ Total Points Possible**
    - **Tests**: There will typically be unit tests given on average every other week. They will be worth 100 points. We will give study materials such as a review sheet prior to the test that you can fill out to prepare for it. There will be no surprises. What is on the review sheet is what will be on the test.
    - **Quizzes**: We will always announce quizzes except for ones that allow you to use your class materials. We will NEVER give an unannounced and unassisted quiz.

**If you are absent for a test or a quiz, YOU are expected to talk to us and we will schedule a retake when you are ready to take one. If you do not see us for a makeup, we will place a zero into the grade book until you make up the assignment.**

* + - **Projects**: There will be a wide range of projects assigned throughout the year. They are designed to complement the curriculum and expand on your knowledge of a particular topic. They will be a great way to boost your grade and show off your creativity. Projects will be worth anywhere from 50-100 points.
    - **Homework**
      * Homework will be assigned frequently throughout the school year. Each assignment is different from another. Most will be due the next day assigned while others might take 2-3 days to complete. Depending on difficulty and time spent on the assignment will determine how many points may be earned.

**If you are absent, you are responsible to get the work that you missed. All work will be placed in a daily log on my website. We expect all work to be handed in if you are in school no matter what. If you need an extension, then you must see one of us before class with a valid explanation!**

* **Movie Clips/documentaries:** Throughout the school year, we will use a variety of films to aid student learning. These films are used with professional discretion and strongly assist visual learners. While some of the scenes may contain brief moments of violence and profanity, students have always taken a great deal away from these lessons. Last year we showed film clips from the following movies/documentaries(but are not limited to):
  + The Last of the Mohicans (R)
  + The Patriot (R)
  + John Adams (HBO)
  + The Presidents (History Channel)

**There may be times where we will want to show another film/documentary that is not on this list. By signing the syllabus below, you are granting us permission to use professional judgment on Movies that may be rated pg 13 or R.**

**By signing this syllabus, I am agreeing that I have read and comply with the contents and expectations of this class.**

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