

American History 2023-2024

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Textbook: United States History: Reconstruction to the Present. Pearson. 2016.

Digital: Pearson Realize

OVERVIEW OF HISTORY: History is not a linear timeline where this event happened, then this event happened, then this...etc. History is more than memorizing dates, names, and events. History can be looked at as a web. Each event, action, person, decision, etc. links to another one. History is the story of us as humans. The story of what events and actions led to other certain events, and what consequences those events created. History is interpreting the past, telling us where we've been to give us a better idea of where we're going. History is continuing to change because of new evidence and new ways of looking at it. It is now important to not just look at the "what" of history, but to interpret the "why" of history.

CLASS DESCRIPTION: This class focuses on a modern America. It starts when our country began rebuilding itself during Reconstruction and follows the different events, people, and decisions until we get to today's world. Various topics that we will cover will be Reconstruction, the rise of industry, the rise of reforming that industry, and the growth of our nation physically, economically, and politically during the late 1800's and early 1900's, imperialism, WWI, the prosperous 20's, Great Depression, WWII, Cold War, booming 50's, Civil Rights, Vietnam War, changing cultures of the mid to late 20th century, and present day America.

CLASS MATERIALS: Come to each class with:

- Writing Utensil / Laptop / Notebook / Extra work.
 - Each student is responsible for bringing the proper materials to class each day.
 - ALWAYS bring extra materials to work on. (Ex: book, work from other classes, etc.)

DAILY PROCEDURES:

- Once you enter the room, find your seat, and sit down.
- Lessons include reading, lectures, curriculum activities, and projects.
- You need to be working on something the ENTIRE period. If you are done with your coursework for this course, you may work on course work for another course.
 - You are to remain seated and working until the dismissal bell rings.

CLASSROOM RULES AND EXPECTATIONS:

Overall, discipline falls under one of these: 1. Do not disrupt another student's ability to learn. 2. Do not disrupt the teacher's ability to teach. 3. Be Respectful to everyone.

Food & Drink

Drinks will be allowed as long as the container has a lid. Food will be allowed until it becomes a disruption.

Tardies

- The ONLY exception to being late for class is if the student has a pass from another faculty member with a valid reason as to why he or she was late.

Late Work/Retakes/Remediation

Follow GFL Policy

Laptops

- There will be ABSOLUTELY NO GAMES or SHOPPING on your computer during class.
 - o This will result in your laptop being taken away.
 - o A repeating occurrence will result in your laptop being taken and given to Mr. Theobald or Mr. Dahl.

Phones and Other Devices

Students are allowed to carry their phones and use them over the passing period. Once the 2nd bell rings, all phones and devices should be put away.

- If Mr. Reinsch sees the device after the 2nd bell, Mr. Reinsch will take the device away for the rest of the period. If there is apparent use of the device after the 2nd bell, the device will be taken away for the rest of the day.
- Repeating occurrence could result in phone being taken and given to office.

GRADING

Summative Assessments – 60% Tests, Quizzes, Projects, Presentations, Research Projects Finals

Formative Assessments – 20%

Daily Work, Worksheets, other daily activities or work.

Summative Final- 20%

There will be a summative final at the end of each semester.

By signing this syllabus, I show that I have read and understand the terms and conditions as pertaining to the Syllabus of Mr. Reinsch's American History class.