

*Welcome to AP U.S.
History*

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Class web site:

Historysharerapus.weebly.com

Supplies:

pencil / pen
Gmail email account (free)
3 ring binder with 5 dividers
lined/ loose leaf paper

Grades:

- Tests/quizzes:...40%
- Homework / Cornell Notes.....10%
- Essays/ DBQs/blog posts...40%
- Binder/ participation /attendance... 10%

AP US History is a college level course. It is designed to teach students to think critically about the issues that have confronted and influenced the United States through a process that integrates the examination of factual knowledge, the development and application of analytic skills, and the assessment of primary and secondary sources. The course includes the study of political institutions, social and cultural developments, diplomacy, and economic trends in U.S. History.

Homework will be assigned weekly. One day late – 10% off; 2 days late – 20% off; not accepted more than 2 days late. If you have an **excused absence (e.g. sick, death in the family)**, you may turn in the assignment on the day you return.

Writing assignments, including essays and Document Based Questions (DBQs), will be assigned each month. All assignments must be turned in with google docs or to my email account. Late assignments will be penalized as follows: 1 day late: -20%; 2 days late: -50%. I will not accept anything more than 2 days late.

If you have an **excused absence (e.g. sick, death in the family)** and the assignment was given BEFORE you were absent, it is due the day you return. If the assignment was given while you were absent 2 or more days, you have up to TWO days following the due date to turn in the assignment without penalty.

Tests If you miss a test, the test must be taken **one day after returning form an excused medical / family emergency absence.** Quizzes must be taken on the day you return to class.

Revision & reflection are also integral to the class. If you turn in a project or written assignment that is incomplete or predominantly off-track, I will include suggestions with the rubric for improving the assignment. We will agree to a new due date. You will be expected to revise tests if you have incorrect answers. The deadline is set for all test corrections. You must follow the directions to receive any credit. **I do not give extra credit.** You may improve your grade with revisions and test corrections.

Your binder is very important for AP US History! You will keep a 3 ring binder with (a) class notes (b) class handouts, (c) homework assignments / vocabulary lists, (d) quizzes/ tests, (e) essays / DBQs. The notebook will be checked for completeness.

Attendance, punctuality, and class participation are essential to doing well in class. You are responsible to find out what you missed and make up assignments. All assignments will be posted at the class web site.

Cooperation is integral to the class. You will often work together in cooperative teams. You may also work cooperatively on homework assignments. If you work together on homework, include the names of your partners on the assignment. (Each student must turn in their own assignment). On individual, graded assignments, if it is obvious that you copied another student's work, I will return the assignment for the you to rewrite. The second time you plagiarize, you will receive 0%.

Please sign and return by September 13, 2013

Student's name:

Date:

Student's signature:

Parent/Guardian's signature: