

American History (1945 – Present)

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Course Objective: This course is the final phase of the American History program which covers the time period from 1945 to the present. This required interdisciplinary study examines that major events and people that have impacted American history while emphasizing reading, writing, and discussion skills.

Attendance: -Attendance is taken daily. Students are expected to attend every class unless excused.
* Students are expected to follow the appropriate procedure to excuse absence.

Absences: -If an absence occurs, students are expected to see the teacher outside of classroom time to obtain outstanding work, i.e. before/after class/school or free/lunch period.
-If a student “cuts” a class, a detention will be issued and students will not be permitted to make up the work for that particular class.
-Students must have completed assignment or be prepared to take a test on the date of return.
-If assignments are not completed on the day of return, the late policy will be applied.

Grading Policy: All assessments (tests, homework, papers) will be evaluated using a point system. At the end of the first nine weeks, points will be totaled and a grade assigned. The second nine weeks will be determined in the same fashion. The final grade will be calculated by adding together the first and second nine week point totals.

<u>Grading Scale:</u>	100% - 89.5%	A
	89.4% - 79.5%	B
	79.4% - 69.5%	C
	69.4% - 59.5%	D
	59.4% -	E

Late: If an assignment is turned in late,
-after it is collected to the end of the due date -10% reduction
-one day late -20% reduction
-2 or more days late -30% reduction
* Assignments will not be accepted one week after the chapter test.

<u>Outline of Evaluations:</u>	1. Reading Quizzes (4)	40 points (10 points each)
	2. Homework (4)	60 points (15 points each)
	3. Test (4)	240 points (60 points each)
	4. Research Paper / Final	30 / 70 points
	5. Participation	25 points
	<u>Total</u>	395 / 435 points (approximate total)

Participation: Participation is an important aspect of this course. It will be evaluated during simulations, debates, classroom sessions, and current events discussions. The participation grade does not include non-volunteer responses.