

NEW MEXICO HISTORY

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High School New Mexico History Course Description:

- New Mexico History is a semester-long survey course of the political, economic, social, cultural, and geographical features of New Mexico from its tumultuous territorial days to the present. Students analyze the role that New Mexico has played in national and international arenas. The topics we will cover (based on the NM State Standards) are:
**Dates are subject to change!
 - **Geography and How to Succeed in Social Studies:** August
 - **Spanish and Mexican Territory Overview:** September 3-13
 - **U.S. Territorial Days:** September 16-27
 - **N.M. in the Twentieth Century:** September 30-October 31
 - **N.M. Counties:** November 4-15
 - **State and Local Government:** November 18-December 11
 - **End of Course Exam Review:** December 12-13
 - **End of Course Exam (Final exam):** week of December 16
- We have a small class set of textbooks that we will utilize from time to time, but most of our course material will be online or given out in handouts. No textbook will be checked out. Please let me know as soon as possible if you do not have access to the internet at home, so that I can make sure to prepare alternative assignments if needed.
- Students will be utilizing a variety of resources throughout the year, and we will be working on Google Classroom. More information on Google Classroom to follow.

Mrs. Hennig's Teaching Philosophy and Style:

- I hold high standards and expectations for my students because I know they have a great potential to grow and learn. My class is quite structured, and students will always be told what to expect and how to succeed in the course. I believe in building lessons and assessments for student success, but it is ultimately up to the student to follow through. I will be utilizing both Bloom's Taxonomy and Webb's Depth of Knowledge as resources to encourage higher order thinking skills. This includes starting lessons with basic recall and foundational material and then building activities to stretch their critical thinking and skills of synthesis of information. I have included a copy of these resources on the last page of this syllabus, before the signature page.

Grading:

- Homework= 25%
- Class Work= 25%
- Projects= 15%
- Tests= 20%
- Weekly Participation= 15% (attendance= 10%, class participation= 5%)

Assessment Rules:

- I expect students to stay up-to-date with their homework in the same fashion that employees are held accountable for completing their work on time in a professional setting. However, I do understand that sometimes unexpected obstacles arise in a teenager's life. Those who turn in their assignments on the due date are eligible for full credit. Each day after, students may turn in the assignment for reduced credit.
- **In the event of an absence**, students are expected to be responsible for any make-up work by checking the Make-Up file box in class. Students should turn in make-up work promptly, and they have the same amount of time to finish an assignment as they missed in school.
- If a test or quiz is missed due to an absence, students must schedule a time to re-take the test as soon as they return. The test/quiz must be made up within one week of the absence or it will turn into a "0."
- Projects will be given to students with plenty of time before the due date, so they must be turned in on time! Rubrics will be provided to guide students on the various components of the projects, so they are built for success!
 - If students turn in a late project, they will receive **10% off of the grade for a maximum of 3 days after the due date (30%)**. After that point, the project will not be accepted, and the student would receive a 0%.
- Class work may be made up according to the guidelines for other homework in the case of an absence.
- Any exceptions to the homework and test policies will be up to the discretion of the teacher.
- Cheating and plagiarism are strictly prohibited and will not be tolerated. If a student is caught cheating, he or she will be given no credit for the assignment/test/project and parents or guardians will be notified.

Class Materials:

- Composition notebook
- Pens- 2 black or blue, 2 red
- highlighters (at least 2, yellow and blue)
- Binder or folder to organize papers for review throughout the year
- Box of Kleenex or Hand Sanitizer (please!!!) ☺

Organization:

- I am a big believer in organization being key to success! This year, I am going to require students to take notes in a composition notebook to ensure that they keep all important information in one place. Some of the work in this book will be teacher-directed (i.e.,

writing standards for units, vocabulary, etc.), however, students will also be taking their own notes from reading and lectures in class.

- I also expect students to keep their class work clean, neat, and legible. Participation points will be deducted for papers turned in with frayed edges, stains, scribbles, doodling, sloppy/illegible writing, etc. Students should take pride in their school work.

Classroom Behavior:

History courses are great arenas for students to discuss new ideas and opinions. In order to facilitate a safe and successful learning environment, all students are expected to respect one another, the instructor, and the academic material.

Rules of the Room:

- Respect everyone and everything (especially in the room).
- Allow others to speak without interruption- raise your hand.
- Be a productive member of the classroom. Be ready to participate in discussions!
- Be **on time** to class- especially 1st period...class begins at **8:00!!**
- Absolutely no phones may be used in the classroom, unless specifically stated (i.e., for class reviews, music during individual work, etc.). If I see a phone when it is not supposed to be out, I will confiscate it until the end of the school day (3:18). Please check the PAPA policy regarding their usage.
- There will be times when I use music in class as part of the curriculum and for individual work, but no individual “jamming” during class instruction is allowed!
- Eating & drinking will be limited. Overall, eating in class is not allowed (mainly to keep the room clean and cockroach-free!). However, there may be individual cases where a student has permission to eat discreetly due to medical necessity.

Consequences for Breaking Rules:

- Most misbehavior in class will be dealt with quickly, between myself and the student. If needed, I will alert parents to repeat bad behavior via email or phone call. If behavior does not improve, I will send students to the administration for further support (this is rarely needed).

Communication:

- Students **MUST** bring their agenda to class every day to write down assignments and other important information. Also, students should be checking their Google Classroom site to keep track of due dates and important info. I highly recommend downloading the app, if possible.
- Please communicate with me about any classroom issues.
- The best way to contact me is through email. Please provide a current email address and phone number where you can be easily reached in the portion of this syllabus to be returned to class.

I, _____, have read this syllabus, and I understand my responsibilities in New Mexico History. My parent/guardian has also read this so that they understand the policies written above. This signature slip is due _____ for credit.

Student signature

Date

Parent/Guardian signature

Date