

8th Grade U.S. History Syllabus

Mrs. Gonzales

Room 4

Contact Information

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5th period prep

-Please email me with any questions that cannot be addressed in class, do not use Google Classroom for communication.

Course Description

This course is designed to provide students with a rigorous curriculum that will prepare them for the challenging coursework in high school classes. 8th grade U.S. History includes the history of the first Native American groups to Reconstruction. Students will be encouraged to analyze complex topics and use critical thinking to form evidence-based conclusions. All coursework will follow NM state standards.

Required Materials

Please contact me if you need assistance getting these materials.

- Pencils
- A college-ruled spiral notebook or composition notebook
- Charged Chromebook
- Headphones
- Folder for the class or section in binder for assignments
- Loose leaf-lined paper

Highly Recommended Materials

- Colored pencils, crayons, or markers
- Glue stick
- Scissors
- Water bottle
- Book to read

Assignments

- **Homework** reinforces learning and is essential for success. Students may be expected to complete assignments and projects at home.
- **Graded vs. Participation:** Most assignments will be graded, but some will earn participation points.
- **Note-taking:** Students will be taught note-taking skills. Notebooks will be checked regularly.
- **Assessments:** These include tests, writing assignments, research papers, projects, performances, and group work.

Grading

- **Homework/Classwork**- 40% of quarter grade
- **Assessments**- 50% of quarter grade
- Participation-10% of quarter grade
 - [Daily Participation Points Grading](#)

Late Work and Resubmissions

- Once a chapter has ended students will have **one week** to turn in any missing work or resubmissions from that chapter.
- Late work will not be docked points.
- If a student would like to redo an assignment for a better grade they may resubmit it one time for full points.
- Test corrections and project resubmissions will vary depending on the assessment.
- Students should still make every effort to turn in work on time and put their best effort in on the first attempt.

Absences

- Students are responsible for obtaining missed assignments and notes the day they return.
- Being absent is not an excuse for missing work.
- **Check the “Week at a Glance” on Google Classroom** for updates.
- **Unexcused absences** may result in the loss of points on assignments or assessments.
- Attend class every day. Classwork and group projects are major components of this class.

Technology

- Cell phones and smart watches should be turned off and kept in backpacks during the day.
- Chromebooks will only be used for academic purposes during class.
- Confiscated technology will be sent to the front office.

Discipline- The school-wide discipline matrix will be followed

1st offense- warning

2nd offense- conversation with student

3rd offense- parent contact

4th offense- administration is notified for disciplinary action