

8th Grade U.S. History Syllabus

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Contact Information

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5th period prep, Room 4

-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 covers the history from the early humans in the Americas 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 (not wireless)
- 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

- **Classwork-** The majority of information and lessons will be done during class time. It is extremely important that students are present, on time, and prepared to learn every day.
- **Homework-** Students may be expected to complete assignments and projects at home when more time is needed.
- **Graded vs. Participation:** Most assignments will be graded, but some will be based on participation.
- **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

- Late work will be accepted without penalty for **two weeks** after the due date.
Assignments turned in after the two-week grace period cannot receive higher than a 50%.
- If a student would like to redo an assignment for a better grade, they may resubmit it one time for full points.
- Assessment resubmissions and late policies 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.
Make-up work for unexcused absences, including suspension, is at the discretion of the teacher.
- Attend class every day. Classwork and group projects are major components of this class.
- After **3 unexcused tardies** (per semester), parents will be notified via email, and students will be assigned community service in the cafe.
- Students who are 15 minutes or more late to class will be marked absent for that period.

Technology

- **Student cell phones and devices must be out of sight during school hours.** This includes wireless Bluetooth headphones, gaming systems, and tablets.
- Smart watches may only be used for the time during class.
- Students must use school provided Chromebooks during class.
- Inappropriate use of Chromebooks may result in loss of technology privileges.
- Confiscated technology will be sent to the front office for parent/guardian pickup.
- If parents and students need to contact each other during school hours, it must be done through 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