American History Syllabus (& Honors)

2013-2014 South Broward High School

# Instructor Information

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# General Information

## Description

This course studies American History from the Civil War through current world events. Topics include an understanding of Reconstruction, Industrial Revolution, Immigration, Urbanization, Imperialism, World War I and II, Great Depression, Cold War, Civil Rights, Vietnam War, and Modern War.

## Expectations and Goals

It is expect that you be prepared, work hard, study at home, be organized and put forth an effort you can take pride in. The goal is for you to improve your knowledge of American History, and to improve your communication and writing skills. Passing and excelling on the the American History EOC exam is another primary goal of the class.

## Course Materials

Text – The Americans, 2013 (I would encourage you to use the online edition through BEEP).

Bring a notebook – spiral or 3 ring to take notes

Black or blue pens for writing.

## Grading

There are no weights. Tests are usually 25-30 points. Homework/classwork 5-15 points. Projects 30-50 points.

A 90-100, B+ 87-89, B 80-86, C+ 77-79, C 70-76, D+ 67-69, D 60-66, F under 59.

Late work per BCS policy. (meaning your absence needs to be excused) Check with Mr. Cahill if you were absent.

## In the Classroom

No food, no drinks (water bottle ok). You are now 16-17 years old so act your age. You are an upper classman. Limit bathroom passes. When the bell rings and you find yourself outside the room means you are tardy (especially those coming from lunch). Never line up to leave. The trashcan is not a hoop. Don’t trash OUR room or OUR school. Don’t write in books, on the walls, or on the desks. Discipline will follow the student code of conduct.

## First Semester

First Quarter

Weeks 1-3 Sectionalism, Civil War, Reconstruction Chapter 4

Weeks 4-5 Westward Expansion, Populist Movement Chapter 5

Weeks 5-6 Industrial Age, Railroads, Unions Chapter 6

Weeks 6-7 Immigration, Social Gospel, Gilded Age Chapter 7

Weeks 8-9 Urban Life, Segregation, Mass Culture Chapter 8

Second Quarter

Weeks 10-11 Progressivism, Square Deal, New Freedom Chapter 9

Weeks 12-13 Imperialism, Spanish-American War, World Power Chapter 10

Weeks 14-15 World War I, Technology of War, 14 points Chapter 11

Weeks 16-17 1920s Politics and Economics Chapter 12

Midterm Exam – (yes before Winter Break!!!)

## Second Semester

Third Quarter

Weeks 19-20 Life in the Roaring 20s, Harlem Renaissance Chapter 13

Weeks 20-21 The Great Depression Chapter 14

Weeks 22-23 The New Deal Chapter 15

Weeks 23-24 Rise of Dictators, Neutrality, The Holocaust Chapter 16

Weeks 24-25 World War II Chapter 17

Weeks 25-26 The Cold War, Korean War Chapter 18

Weeks 26-27 Postwar America, Popular Culture Chapter 19

Fourth Quarter

Weeks 27-28 The New Frontier, Great Society Chapter 20

Weeks 28-29 Civil Rights Movement Chapter 21

Weeks 29-30 The Vietnam War, Nation Divided Chapter 22

Weeks 30-31 Era of Social Change, Women and Counterculture Chapter 23

Weeks 31-32 Nixon, Watergate, Carter Chapter 24

Weeks 32-33 Conservatism, Reagan, New Millennium Chapter 25&26

American History EOC

Final Exam