

College Prep United States History

Instructor Information

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Required Materials

- The American Vision – Modern Times
- Binder/Folder
- BYOD- Bring Your Own Device
- Blue or black pens/ pencils
- Highlighters
- Internet access



Classwork and Homework Policies

- Each unit, students will receive a “Quick Sheet,” which contains key terms to know and “Essential Questions” for understanding the unit. The quick sheet is not only the review sheet for the exam, but it is extra credit too! All work is due the day of the Unit Exam.
- Late work receives half credit. Make up work will accepted until the end of the next unit (e.g. Unit 1 accepted until the end of Unit 2)
- It is the student’s responsibility to get missed work due to an absence. Work will be available on the class website as well as on the first day of each unit.
- Work that is not completed in class is to be taken home for homework.
- If I can’t read it, I won’t grade it.
- “No Name” papers will be placed on the floor and kept for a week before they are thrown away.
- Missed exams and quizzes will be entered as a zero until they are made up.
- Students may do test corrections within three weeks for a better grade.
- Cheating and plagiarism WILL NOT be tolerated. Students caught cheating will receive a **zero** for the assignment and **will not** be allowed to make it up.
- Zero Absences will give you a 1% boost Zero tardies will give you a 1% boost, *if applicable*.
- Extra credit can help boost a grade, but not save one. EC may be counted for up to 5% on top of your overall grade, but will not affect the grade until the end of the semester.
- BYOD- Students are expected to bring their device with them to class in order to take guided lecture notes. Students are responsible for printing out their GLN before class begins.
- Not being prepared for class will result in a loss of participation points.

Classroom Rules and Expectations

1. Students will be expected to take themselves and their classmates seriously as scholars.
2. Be prepared for class! You will lose participation points if you are not prepared.
3. Bathroom passes are for... the bathroom! Not for food trips. If unused, they can be turned in at the end of the semester for EC.
4. Keep it clean! This means your language, your desk area, and your personal grooming.
5. Be attentive! No cell phones, MP3 players, Air Pods or other electronics should be on during instruction time.
6. NO sleeping in class! I will ask you to stand.
7. Thursday and Friday Office Hours are to be used for RQ re-takes and test corrections.
8. You must bring YOUR own reading book and you MAY NOT store your textbook in my classroom
9. Treat everyone and everything in this classroom with respect.

Grade Breakdown

Classwork/Homework	10%
Tests and Quizzes	40%
Projects	25%
Final Project	5%
Midterm/Final Exam	10%
Participation	10%
Semester Total	=100%



Dear Parents,

Please take a moment and review this class syllabus with your student, as well as review the special notes for parents below. When you are finished I would appreciate you and your student filling out the contact information and signing this page and returning it to me so I may file it in my records.

Special note on Cheating and Plagiarism:

Many students see the internet as a great time-saver for homework. However, many of them also use other people's ideas and words to cut corners on their own assignments. I expect my students to take their education seriously, so any form of cheating or plagiarism WILL NOT be tolerated. Students caught cheating will receive a **zero** for the assignment and **will not** be allowed to make it up.

Special Note on cell phones and i-pods/headphones:

District policy states that iPods and other music players are not allowed at school. It is expected that students will not bring these to school. If a student uses these in class and learning is disrupted, appropriate consequences will result. The use of electronics is a privilege.

Cell phones will occasionally be used in class as an academic tool, but should be otherwise be stowed away. Text messaging during class time is considered a method of cheating and is absolutely prohibited. Persistent text messaging during class-time will result in disciplinary action and have a negative effect on your child's grade in this course. Please do not text or call your student during class time.

Special Note on videos/movies shown in class:

From time to time film **clips** will be used from various sources, including unrated and rated PG-13 and R movies (e.g. *Glory*, *Birth of a Nation*, *Saving Private Ryan*). All clips are **educationally appropriate** and relate directly to classroom instruction and objectives. If you do not wish to allow your student to view these clips, please indicate below and I will excuse your child from the viewing.

Thank you for your cooperation, and I look forward to an outstanding year together!

Mr. David Cummings
US History Instructor

I have read and understand all parts of the Syllabus for College Prep US History.

Student Name: _____

Student Signature: _____

Parent(s) Name: _____

Parent Signature: _____

Parent email: _____

Current Telephone Number: _____

Movie Release:

- Yes, my student may view these films
- No, my student may not view these films

**If you have any other important information I should know about your student, please email me at:

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