

# College Prep United States History

## Instructor Information

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Remind101: See Home Page of class website to sign up for reminds for YOUR pd.

## Required Materials

- The American Vision – Modern Times text book
- 3-ring binder/folder and college ruled paper
- Blue or black pens, pencils for scantrons
- Highlighters
- Colored pencils and/or markers
- Internet access
- A creative mind and a willingness to adapt



## 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 on the day of the Unit Exam.
- Late work receives half credit. Make up work will be 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 classroom website.
- Work that is not completed in class is to be taken home for homework.
- If I can’t read it, it won’t get graded.
- “No Name” papers and graded work will be placed in piles on the floor in front of my desk.
- Missed exams and quizzes will be entered in to the grade book as a zero until they are made up.
- Students may do test corrections within three weeks after a Unit Exam, and re-takes on reading quizzes can be done until the end of the next unit.
- 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 if applicable\*.
- 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, (including the A/T 2%)\* but will not affect the grade until the end of the semester.

## 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, or other electronics should be on during instruction time. No Social Media during instruction time please.
6. NO sleeping in class. I’ll make you stand.
7. Thursday and Friday interventions are to be used for RQ re-takes and test corrections. You must bring your own reading book and you **may not** store your reading book in my classroom.
8. Treat everyone and everything in this classroom with respect.

## Grade Breakdown

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



**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. *Gangs of New York*, *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

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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:

[David.cummings@cnusd.k12.ca.us](mailto:David.cummings@cnusd.k12.ca.us). To join our class **Remind101**: <http://www.rooseveltcpush.com/contact-mr-cummings.html>