

Welcome to Mr. Robinson's U.S. History Class

Course Description:

In this course we examine American History from the early 17th Century (1600's) to the late 19th Century (1800's).

We begin the year with a study of the first European colonies. By learning how individuals struggled for survival, fought for freedom, made mistakes, and created the foundations of our United States, we can better understand the world we live in today.

In the second half of the year we target our young country's growth. We study successes such as westward expansion and the purchase of new lands. We will learn about challenges such as the Civil War and the assassination of President Lincoln.

We will also take the opportunity to make connections between history and the student's everyday lives whenever there are relevant current events.

Below you will find some useful information about my class.

Homework: Yes, there will be homework. We will try to make it challenging and not overwhelming. Many times students will begin homework assignments in class and be asked to finish them at home. Homework assignments need to be written down in your HAB.

If you are ever absent check out our team web page <http://www.mrsd.org/webpages/tgriffins/> all Griffin team teachers post assignments on their school notes pages. Links can be found on our web page above. The school notes website also allows students and parents to register to receive email reminders when assignments are updated. Our team, former students, and parents have found this to be a helpful feature.

Preparation/Participation: To be prepared for class you must have the following items.

1. Homework Assignment Book (HAB)
2. Pen or a pencil
3. Notebook
4. Textbook with cover
5. Completed homework if assigned

Class begins everyday with attendance and a prep check to make sure everyone has the right "tools" to do the job. Another piece of this grade is how you carry yourself so you and others can learn. If you are late to class ten points will be taken off of your weekly participation grade.

Quizzes: Students will be given quizzes to assess their understanding of what we are covering. Most quizzes will be announced, but on occasion surprise quizzes will be given. The student's performance on a quiz is often a good determination if they are grasping the subject matter.



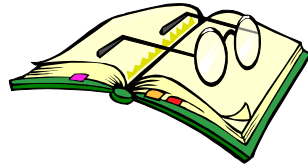
Tests: At the end of each unit there will be a test to evaluate how much information you retain or what skills you further developed. When students complete assignments and maintain their notebook they usually do very well.

Projects: Projects will be assigned periodically. Typically students have 2 to 3 weeks to work on a project. We will review how to document sources and how important it is that we **record where we get our information**. If you do not turn your project in on time, you may turn it in late for ten points off each day.

Notebooks: You need a three ring binder for this class.

Grading: This is how the grade for each quarter is averaged, as well as the final average for this class.

QUARTER GRADE		FINAL GRADE	
Homework	20%	Quarter One	20%
Preparation/Participation	20%	Quarter Two	20%
Quizzes	10%	Midterm	10%
Projects	20%	Quarter Three	20%
Tests	20%	Quarter Four	20%
Total	100%	Final Exam	10%
		Total	100%



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