

HONORS AMERICAN HISTORY COURSE SYLLABUS

Course: American History II (Honors)
Length of Course: Two Semesters; 5 Classes per Week
Instructor: Mr. Lieberman

COURSE OBJECTIVES:

The emphasis of class activities will be on application, analysis and synthesis of historical concepts through class discussions, individual and group projects/presentations. As an honor's curriculum, the course will place responsibility on the student to read and comprehend the required text readings.

GRADING:

- Marking Period Grades To Be Determined By Calculating The Percentage Of Earned Points Of Total Points Possible. Each Marking Period Will Count Towards 20% Of The Course Grade.
- Semester Projects, Mid Term And Final Exams (Combined Score 20% Course Grade)
 - At The Conclusion Of Our Great Depression Unit, A Mid-Term Exam Will Be Administered
 - At The Conclusion Of The Final Marking Period, A Final Exam Will Be Administered. This Exam Will Essentially Focus On The Concepts Studied During The 2nd Semester With A Sampling Of Questions Covering Some Of The Major Points From The Entire Year.

ASSESSMENT TOOLS:

Marking period grades will be determined using the following assessment tools:

- **Exams**
 - Types of Testing Tools
 - Topical Objective/Essay Tests (100 points each)
 - Warm Up/Daily Fact Quizzes
 - Students will re quizzed on the journal warm up questions as well as the daily facts posted at the beginning of class with the daily journal entry.
 - All Quizzes of a marking period will be totaled up and be valued as one test grade (100 points)
- **Special Projects**
 - Each student will select a specific topic or event in American History since 1900. They will essentially become experts in this topic. From this topic (event), each student will submit two special projects.
 - Grades earned on projects will be part of the Final Exam grade

- **Classwork/Homework**

- *Warm Up Questions:*

At the beginning of most classes, there will be a question on the board based upon the prior day's class. Students will be required to write and answer this question in their journal sheets. The teacher will check each student's answer and it will be valued at 1 point towards classwork. No partial credit will be given for this aspect.

- *Journal Sheets*

Students will maintain a hand written weekly journal sheet in which the daily topic, objective and warm up question/answer are recorded. Journal sheets will be collected each week and be evaluated on its neatness, professionalism and degree of completion. Each week's journal sheet will be valued at 4 points.

- 2 points for completeness (all journal entries in correct place)
- 2 points for neatness

No Partial Credit On Points (either 2 points or 0)

- *Other Classwork/Homework:*

Students will be required to complete all other classwork/homework when it is due. If, for any reason, a student is having difficulty completing a particular assignment, he/she must meet with the teacher outside of class to review the problem **prior to the due date**.

- **Portfolios**

- Students are required to maintain a neat professional looking portfolio containing work completed for the course.
 - Part of this portfolio will include all journal sheets as well as course syllabus, course outline & class rules & expectations
 - Students, therefore, need to keep and save all of these sheets as they are received.
- This portfolio to be collected and graded at the conclusion of the World War II unit.
- More detailed information on this aspect will be provided at a later date

- **General Projects**

In addition to the specific projects mentioned above, students will be required to complete various application project/assignments on the various topics through the course of study.

- **Final Exam "Activity":**

- A mid-term exam will be administered at the conclusion of the Great Depression Unit (subject to change)
- A final exam of the World War II and beyond concepts to be administered at the conclusion of the term in June.
- The Final Exam Activity grade will be calculated in the following manner:

○ Mid-Term Exam	300 Points
○ June Final Exam	300 Points
○ 1 st Semester Research Paper	400 Points
○ 2 nd Semester Special Project	200 Points
○ Total	1200 Points

- Total Final Exam Activity grade to be weighed as 20% of final course grade