# U.S. History Course Syllabus

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**PROCEDURES:**

**Daily Warm Up:**

1. Every day there will be some type of activity on the board for you to begin working on as soon as you enter the classroom. Don’t wait for the bell to begin working on this assignment. These will be collected weekly for a grade.
2. When class begins, you should be in your assigned seat, working quietly on the warm-up. When you finished, read quietly.

**Paper Headings:**

1. Place the following information in the upper right hand corner of each paper in the following order: Name, Date, and Class Period.

**Instruction**:

1. Class instruction will come in a variety of forms, but certain standards always apply.
2. Students will raise their hands if they need to address the teacher or the class.
3. Students are not leave their seats (for example, to sharpen a pencil, throw something away, pet a stray kitten, or pick up a handout) while the teacher or another student is speaking, lecturing, presenting, etc.

**Grading:**

1. Assignments are based on a point system where larger assignments and tests are worth more points than daily assignments and classroom activities.
2. Roughly ten percent of each student’s grade will be based on classroom expectations including participation, punctuality, preparation (including individual reading book), and engagement. Students will lose 5 points for each infraction, including issues with technology or hats.
3. To cut down on interruptions, students will have 4 free passes for the semester to use at their discretion as bathroom or locker passes. Once the passes have been used, students will lose points from their participation score. If a health issue is of concern, please let me know immediately.
4. Students will receive grades in the following areas:

Classwork/Homework/Participation – 20%,

Assessments (quizzes, tests, projects, formal writing) – 60%,

Midterm and final exam – 20%

The grading scale is as follows:

 93-100% A 89-87% B+ 77-79% C+ 67-69% D+ 0-59% E

 90-92% A- 83-86% B 73-76% C 63-66% D

 80-82% B- 70-72% C- 60-62% D-

Any cheating will result in a zero on that assignment, quiz, or test and parents/guardians will be notified.

**Assignments/Homework:**

1. All assignments are due at the beginning of class unless otherwise directed. If you do not turn in an assignment when it is collected, even if you turn it in the same day it will be late.
2. If you do not turn homework in when it is due, you will need to fill out the Homework Binder.
3. All late work receives at maximum a grade of 50% per the student handbook.
4. If you were absent the day something was assigned, see the teacher for missing work BEFORE or AFTER class. You have a limited time to make-up assignments, only one additional day. When turning in an assignment from an absence make sure you write absent at the top!

**Hall Passes**

1. You will be given **4** hall passes that are your responsibility to keep track of for the entire semester. Use them wisely these are the only ones that you will be given and allowed to use in class. At the end of the semester, if you have any passes left you can turn them back in for extra credit. (5 points each)

**Class Dismissal:**

1. You will be dismissed when your area is clean and everyone is seated and quietly listening to any final announcements and/or reminders.
2. Remember – the teacher NOT the clock dismisses the class!

**Tardy Policy**

Tardy with a pass: knock on the door and wait for it to open and go **quietly** to a seat. If you have a pass turn it in as you enter the room. No pass = Tardy. Three tardies equals a lunch detention and every tardy after the third will result in a lunch detention also.

**Food/Drinks:**

1. Drinks are allowed IF they are able to be resealed. (NO CANS or TWO LITERS!)
2. Food will be allowed to be eaten in the classroom but only on special occasions. If you have it with you place it under your seat until class is over.

**Cell Phones:**

1. Cell phones are allowed to be used in class for educational purposes. When told to put away, your cell phone should be put out of sight.
2. If you are using your cell phone when it should be put away, I will take it. First offense you will get your phone back at the end of class. Second offense you will get it back at the end of the school day. Third offense a parent will have to pick your phone up.
3. You may charge your phone IF you have asked permission. ALWAYS ASK!!! EVERY TIME!!!

**Music Devices:**

1. You need to **ASK** permission every time you wish to listen to your music when doing work in class.
2. You **MUST** have your own headphones/earbuds with you- no asking classmates to borrow.
3. Keep the volume down. I will tell you one time to turn it down after that if still too loud it gets put away.
4. No sharing headphones/earbuds. Both need to be in your ears.

**Ticket Policy:**

 Tickets are given out for any and all reasons (homework, required materials, etc). You are responsible for keeping track of all of your tickets that you earn. Tickets can be redeemed from the prize box via random drawings throughout the semester. You must be present with your ticket in order to receive your prize. Any unclaimed, drawn tickets will be thrown away no exceptions. Be responsible!

**Content to be Covered:** (Subject to Revision)

1. Industrialism
2. Immigration
3. Progressivism
4. Expansionism
5. World War I
6. Roaring 20s
7. The Great Depression/A New Deal
8. World War II
9. Cold War
10. 1950s Tensions
11. Civil Rights Movement
12. The Golden Age of the 1960s
13. Vietnam
14. Corruption in Politics
15. Entering the 21st Century / The Global Age