

11TH GRADE U.S. HISTORY-2008-2009 SCHOOL YEAR

Mr. Ziebarth, Room 102

Welcome to U.S. History. This is a full year, one credit, survey course. During the year we will explore the history of our country starting with the Revolutionary Period and ending with events in the 1970's and 80's.

The Goals and Objectives of this course are the following:

1. To increase your knowledge and understanding of the events and connecting themes of history and in particular the history of the U.S.
2. To increase your knowledge and understanding of the five major themes of Geography and to be able to link those themes to the various events and periods of U.S. History.
3. To increase your knowledge and understanding of how economic, politic, and social matters affect history and the events of history.
4. To weave the aspects of our Catholic Identity and the Leadership program into the expectations of you as students and young men in the everyday environment of this class. Daily prayer, leadership opportunities, expectations of moral and ethical behavior, treatment of each other and the teacher are all examples of how this will be integrated into this class.
5. To have you learn skills, knowledge, and attitudes as learners and students which will enable you to be successful in college. You are expected as a student at a college prep high school to do your assignments, keep up on your reading and to take all your responsibilities as a student seriously.

COURSE CONTENT:

Text: A History of the United States, Inventing America,
Maier,Smith,Keyssar,Kevles;Norton

GENERAL OUTLINE OF COURSE:

Quarter 1:

*European Discovery
Settlement and Colonization
War of Independence
Period/plantations
Forms of Government, Bill of rights
Jeffersonian Democracy/War of 1812*

Quarter 3:

*Reconstruction
Industrial Revolution
Segregation/Jim Crow
Progressive Era
WWI
Great Depression/ New Deal*

Quarter 2

*Sectionalism
Jacksonian Democracy
Antebellum

Reform Movements
Civil War*

Quarter 4:

*WWII
Cold War
Korean War- 50s
60s-Vietnam/Civil Rights
Late 20th Century*

In this classroom you are expected to respect each other, your teacher, and the traditions and beliefs of Saint Thomas Academy. Disrespectful behavior will not be tolerated. The following rules will help maintain an atmosphere of respect and learning.

- * Treat each other with respect. Listen to each other.
- * No swearing or harassment of any kind will be tolerated.
- * Be on time for class. Tardiness will not be tolerated.
Tardiness will result in detentions!
- * No gum chewing, pop or food allowed in class.
- * Be dressed properly- the uniform code will be enforced!
- * Bring your class materials to class every day-
 - Textbook- covered
 - Notebook and three ring binder
 - Pens and pencils
 - Assignment notebook
- * Assignments are to be handed in on loose leaf in black or blue ink.
- * Assignment may be handed in from computers.
 - Late work will not be given any points- Get your work done on time!

GRADING:

Grades are based on a number of activities: major chapter tests, reading quizzes, Individual and group in- class presentations, daily and weekly homework assignments, geography assignments, and 1 major project each semester. The grade is determined on a point scale. Each activity will be given a specific number of points. At the end of the quarter all the possible points are added up and the grade is based on the number of points the student has earned out of the total possible. Listed below is the percentage scale used to determine grades for the quarter, semester and on major tests and assignments.

A= 93%-100%

A- = 90%- 92%

B+ = 87%-89%

B = 83%- 86%

B- = 80%- 82%

C+ = 77%-79%

C = 73%- 76%

C- = 70%-72%

D+= 67%-69%

D = 63%-66%

D- = 60%-62%

The semester grade is not a sum of the total points from the first two quarters. The two quarters are given a weight of 40% and the semester exam has a weight of 20%.

CHEATING:

Cheating will not be tolerated in this classroom. Cheating consists of looking on other students tests, helping others with tests or assignments for which the expectation is for you to do your own work, use of cheat sheets, talking during tests with other students, giving test questions to other students in or out of your hour and other examples not listed.

First offense is punished by 0 points on the test and notification of your parents and the Dean of students, Second offense is a failure of the quarter and conference with parents and Dean and Third Offense or cheating on semester exam is failure of semester and removal from class.

Contact Information:

School phone: 454-4570, My voice mail number is 381. I check my voice mail a couple of times a day and will attempt to return calls within 24 hours

Email address: dziebarth@cadets.com. I check this a number of times a day.