

US HISTORY COURSE SYLLABUS 2017-2018

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COURSE REQUIREMENTS

This course will focus on a program that will foster students' responsibility for scholarship by providing opportunities for students to acquire, develop, and master specific skills. These skills will be developed through a variety of assignments and activities such as research skills, critical thinking and analytical reasoning, use of primary and secondary sources, oral presentations, and simulations of historical events.

All 11th grade students are required to pass the STAAR examination on May 9th, 2018 in order to graduate from high school. Our history team is committed to your child's success on the STAAR exam. Therefore, we have designed the 11th grade curriculum to support your child's mastery of STAAR material. However, if your child is at risk of failing the STAAR test, he/she will be required to attend extra tutorials.

Active student learning is an integral part of this course. Many activities are designed to challenge the creative as well as the intellectual abilities of the students. We hope that this course will be an enjoyable experience and that students will see its relevance in their own lives.

Textbook The textbook is electronic through Discovery Education. Students will access the book logging in to **plano.discoveryeducation.com**. They must use their mypisd login to access the book. Students may access the book through their phone, tablet, or computer.

*Students may record lectures at a teacher's discretion. They **MUST** receive permission to do so before each lecture..

Class Communication

Remind 101: Text to [81010](tel:81010) with the message: @2gek4

Google Classroom: From the Google Chrome web browser access classroom.google.com. Our class code is: **r0fa1vh**. Additionally, there is a Google Classroom app for both iPhone and Android.

- Calendars and assignments for each unit are posted in Google Classroom.
- **It is the student's responsibility to be aware of the calendar.** Thus students should always be aware of assignment due dates. If a student is absent, it is the student's responsibility to communicate with the teacher regarding makeup work. Any assignment due during the absent period is due upon return; otherwise a grade of zero will be given.

ACADEMIC TUTORIALS: Tutorials are by appointment with the student's teacher.

MAKE UP POLICY: It is the responsibility of the student to check with his/her teacher to find out what was missed during excused absences.

- For daily assignments, the student is allowed one day for each excused day to complete work.
- Tests must be made up within two weeks, unless prior arrangements have been made with your child's teacher.
- If a student is absent (**excused**) on the day a major project is due, it is due the day the student returns. This includes school sponsored field trips.

Students need to contact their teacher for make-up opportunities.

SUPPLY LIST: Students are required to bring the following supplies the first week of school:

- one spiral notebook for note taking/ one spiral notebook
- Colored pencils
- **4 Boxes of Kleenex**
- From time to time, students will also be asked to purchase special items such as card stock, etc.

Grading Terms PISD is now using the quarter system. Each quarter will be 40% of the semester grade and the final exam will be 20 % of the semester grade.

ASSESSMENT

Student grades are based on the following:

- 75% for major grades: 2 unit tests (single grade), 1 project (single grade) and 1 quarter test (double grade)
- 25% for daily work
 - Quarter Exam Reviews will count as a double daily grade
- Portfolio grade consists of various assignments collected throughout the six weeks and counts as a more significant daily grade.
 - Each test review will count as a grade

PARENT PORTAL

- Essays and projects will be recorded within two weeks after due date.
- Excused missed assignments will be recorded with a "Z" or a "1" until the makeup time has expired.
- Unexcused missed assignments will be recorded as a "0" per district policy.

ACADEMIC INTEGRITY

Students will be held responsible for the PISD Code of Conduct signed at registration.

**No Cell Phones in class at any
time on test days!**