

US History

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Course Description: The function of US History is vital. How did this social, economic, and political society that we know come into being? Where are we now in the world's life, chronologically, individually, nationally, economically, and in every other respect? No other subject can furnish the opportunity for an appreciation of times and peoples, past, present, and even future.

Assessment: A final grade will be determined using a combination of daily points and assessments including a semester test. Points will be awarded daily for class participation and homework assignments. Points may be deducted for off-task or poor behavior or late assignments. Students must earn 60% in order to pass this course. The grading system is itemized below:

A	100-94%
A-	93-90
B+	89-87
B	86-84
B-	83-80
C+	79-77
C	76-74
C-	73-70
D+	69-67
D	66-64
D-	63-60

Assessment types: Students will demonstrate what they have learned with paper/pencil tests, quizzes, oral presentations, projects (group and/or individual), teacher observation, and writing.

Activities: Students will learn from a variety of classroom activities including lecture and note-taking, class discussion, cooperative groups, student presentations, text reading, map reading, handouts, worksheets, videos, internet searches, etc.

Standards, Benchmarks, and Objectives:

The learner will be able to...

- B. Understand the concepts of regions
 - 1. Understand how regional boundaries change
 - a. Analyze how settlements develop and combine to make kingdoms
 - b. Identify the ways in which kingdoms develop into empires
 - 2. Know the ways in which the concepts of a region can be used to simplify the complexity of Earth's space
 - a. Identify the areas in which various religions and philosophies developed
 - b. Analyze how physical boundaries help shape kingdoms, empires, and countries
 - 3. Understands the different ways in which regional systems are structured
 - a. Identify various regions according to ethnicity, religion, and government
 - b. Discover how physical boundaries affect the development of civilization
- C. Understand the patterns of human development and their causes
 - 1. Understand the physical and human impact of emerging urban forms in the present day world
 - a. Compare the structure of ancient cities to present day cities
 - b. Compare the movement patterns of ancient societies with those of modern societies
 - c. Contrast the educational systems of ancient societies with those of modern societies
- D. Understand the changes that occur in the meaning, use, distribution, and importance of human resources
 - 1. Understand the relationships between resources and exploration, colonization, and settlement of different regions of the world
 - a. Explain the importance of water and its sources to ancient civilizations
 - b. Consider how the scarcity of resources led to exploration of trade between people
 - 2. Know issues related to the reuse and recycling of resources
 - a. Explain how ancient peoples used all available resources for survival
 - b. Analyze how resources shrink as population grows
- E. Understands the historical perspective
 - 1. Analyze the values held by specific people who influenced history and the role their values played in influencing history
 - a. Evaluate the importance of religion and its leaders on civilization
 - b. Identify components of today's society that were influenced by outgrowths of past political leaders
 - 2. Understand how the consequences of human intentions are influenced by the means of carrying them out

- a. Discover how technology impacted cultures and its influence on determining historical events
 - b. Analyze how political alliances influenced the outcome of history
3. Analyze how specific events would be interpreted differently based on newly uncovered records and/or information
 - a. Discover how the historical perspective of events and occurrences changes over time
 - b. Discover that historians interpret events and occurrences differently depending upon their beliefs and their closeness to those events and occurrences
4. Understand how the past affects our private lives and society in general
 - a. Discover the similarities between the culture of today's modern society and those cultures of ancient societies
 - b. Analyze how the laws and customs of ancient civilizations influenced those laws and customs of modern civilization