

US History 1 Syllabus/Expectations

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Room 106

Overview: United States History 1 is a tenth-grade course designed around the beginning of United States History up until the beginning of the 20th century with World War 1. Some of the topics that will be covered throughout the year are:

- **The First “American” Colonies**
- **Declaring Independence and the American Revolution**
- **The Constitution and Bill of Rights**
- **Further Expansion with the Louisiana Purchase**
- **Civil War and Reconstruction**
- **The Wild West and the Expanding Frontier**
- **The Industrial Revolution**
- **Progressivism in the 20th Century**
- **The Great War/WW1**

...These are the broad topics to be covered, but we will dig deeper into many of the intricacies and relate these topics to our current problems in the 21st Century United States.

What to Expect? Expect to see many different perspectives on much of the history you **THINK** you know! We will explore both sides of many different topics to help us understand what all parties were thinking. Topics like these will inspire questions and spark discussions that are extremely encouraged in class. If you are curious about something or have your own perspective, please share!

Grading Policy:

- Grades will be calculated on a standard points system
- All grades follow the district grading scale
 - A - 90%+
 - B - 80% - 89%
 - C - 70% - 79%
 - D - 65% - 69%
 - E - 64% and below
- **TWO** chapter tests are given each quarter
 - Test grades are important but do not solely determine your success in class
- Much of your grade in this class depends on note taking, bell ringers, classroom activities/projects, and most importantly... **PARTICIPATION**
 - There will be separate grades each quarter based on student's participation/involvement in class

- Complete your work thoroughly, timely, and with effort, and you **WILL** succeed!

Classroom Expectations:

- **Responsibility is MOST IMPORTANT!**
 - Be inside the classroom before the bell
 - Be prepared for class with a pencil, notebook (GIVEN TO EACH STUDENT), and most importantly, your Chromebook... **CHARGED!**
 - Late projects, homework, and assignments will be accepted late at a penalty of one letter grade deduction for every day late (After 5 days, it is a ZERO) Unless specific circumstances are given
 - Current Events are NOT accepted late
- **Classroom Etiquette**
 - Class discussion is encouraged! But respect your peer's opinions and wait accordingly to provide your input
 - Cell phones are **OFF** and out of sight! Smartwatches are not to be interacted with!
 - No food or drinks (besides water) are allowed in the classroom unless specifically allowed!
 - The Golden Rule... Treat others the way you would like to be treated
- **Homework/Test Integrity**
 - Homework is to be completed on your **OWN** unless it is stated as a partner/group assignment
 - All writing assignments (Tests or Homework) must be your ORIGINAL compositions unless properly cited. (Chicago Style/Knightcite)
 - Work that is copied/pasted is subject to a failing score/zero
- **Absences/Makeup Work**
 - It is **YOUR** responsibility to retrieve missed classwork
 - The teacher is not responsible for making sure **YOU** are caught up
 - All assignments will be posted on Google Classroom
 - Any further questions/concerns reach out through email (nformica@rockwoodschoools.org)
 - If you have an excused absence, you have the number of days absent to make up work
 - There will be no exceptions to this rule unless there is a long-term absence or special circumstances