

Pa History/Civics
Rockwood Area High School 2024-
2025

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Academic Objectives

- To provide every student with the skills and knowledge to make informed decisions as responsible, self-directed, technologically literate, and culturally aware citizens
- Founding Principles of American Government
- Philosophy of the Founding Fathers
- The Constitution and American Government
- Rights and Responsibilities of American Citizens
- The effects physical geography has on the history of Pennsylvania
- Pennsylvania indigenous tribes and cultures, and the interaction with European settlers
- How diverse early Pennsylvania was thanks to William Penn and cultural tolerance
- Pennsylvania's role during the American Revolution
- Life before and after Industrialization, especially in transportation
- Pennsylvania's role in the Civil War, the first industrialized war
- The impacts of new technology on PA's economy and culture of the 20th Century
- The significance of World War I, the Great Depression, and World War II as global events
- Environmental concerns of contemporary Pennsylvania

Course Requirements/Grading

Students will need to bring their Chromebook to come prepared to class. Students will access our classwork online via Google Classroom.

Grading Scale:

A	-	90 to 100	Excellent
B	-	80 to 89	Good
C	-	70 to 79	Average
D	-	65 to 69	Poor
F	-	64 & Below	Failing
P	-	Passing	

X - Incomplete

School District Grading Policy:

Quarterly classwork = 80%

Midterm Exam = 10%

Final Exam = 10%

- *If a student's grade falls under a C, a grade report will be sent home to be signed by his or her parent/guardian.*
- Students maintaining a 3.5-4.0 GPA will be recognized as high honor students and those maintaining a 3.0-3.4 GPA will be recognized as honor students.

Classroom Demeanor

Disorderly behavior that disrupts the academic environment violates the standard of fair access to the academic experience.

- Be respectful of yourself, your classmates, and your instructor.
- Electronics, such as cell phones, smart watches, earbuds/headphones, should be off and out of sight.
- Please be on time!

Absentee/Late Work Policy

- To receive full credit for assignments, it must be completed on time, thorough, and you must follow ALL directions given.
- It is your responsibility to make arrangements for missed work while absent.
- District policy will be followed if it is determined that the absence was unexcused, this means that the zero will stay in the gradebook.

Plagiarism

Plagiarism according to Merriam-Webster is defined as, "the act of using another person's words or ideas without giving credit to that person: the act of plagiarizing something"

Plagiarism Includes:

- Copying another person's work
- Failing to cite sources/give credit where credit is due
- Turning in someone else's work as your own

Consequences for plagiarism include notifying the administration and parents/guardians, completing an additional assignment on avoiding plagiarism, and redoing the assignment during homeroom with Mr. Blubaugh.

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