

CLASS RULES

- There are 3 rules to follow in this class:
 - *Be Ready*: Being ready means being on time to class. It also means bringing the required materials to class (pen/pencil, text book, notebook, etc.)
 - Part of being ready is using the restroom at appropriate times. Because a student asking to leave the room in the middle of class creates a disruption to others, each student will only be allowed **3 bathroom/drink passes per semester**. These passes can be used or saved and turned in at the end of the semester for extra credit.
 - Students without passes that need to leave the room at inappropriate times will be referred to the office.
 - *Be Respectful*: Show respect to everyone and everything! Being respectful means that you are not talking, reading, using your cell phone, or doing other homework while someone else is speaking.
 - *Be Responsible*: You are responsible for yourself and your actions.
- The rules and discipline policy as described in the student handbook also apply. Please be familiar with the handbook!

CELL PHONES/HEADPHONES

- Cell phones and headphones should be kept away during instruction, class discussions, and group activities. **This will be strictly enforced**. Violations of this rule will result in a discipline referral, which could result in a student having to turn in his or her phone to the office at the start of the school day.

CLASS MATERIALS

- Every student is encouraged to have a folder with loose leaf paper in it that is devoted to this class. Assignments and notes should be kept in this folder.
- Students should purchase pens, pencils, colored pencils or markers, and several sheets of poster board. These materials will be used throughout the semester.

CLASS PROCEDURE

- You should keep a folder to store your class handouts and your notes. You are welcome to keep this folder in the cabinet drawers.
- Upon entering the classroom, you should look at the SmartBoard to find out what the day's agenda is. Have your folder out and a pencil ready.
- All assignments are posted on the class website.
- Extra handouts/worksheets are kept in the black bins on the counter.

CLASS WEBSITE

- All of the assignments and upcoming assignments are listed on the class website. Extra credit opportunities are also listed on the website. Here is the address:
 - <http://hartatready.weebly.com>
- On the class webpage, you will find links to Google Classroom, which will be utilized extensively throughout the semester.

TEXT

- *America: Pathways to the Present* (Prentice Hall, 2002)
- Various other handouts/readings will be assigned throughout the course.

GRADING

- Grading will occur on a variety of assignments including journal writings, group work, outside readings, tests, quizzes, and presentations.
- If you have a question concerning your grade, please ask during an appropriate time—not in the middle of class.
- The grading scale is as follows:
 - 100%-90%: A
 - 89%-80%: B
 - 79%-70%: C
 - 69%-60%: D
 - 59%-0%: F
- The final grade for this course will be determined as follows:
 - 1st Quarter Grade → 50%
 - 2nd Quarter Grade → 50%
- Each quarter will be worth approximately 450-550 points.

ASSIGNMENTS

- All assignments are due at the beginning of the period unless otherwise specified.
- No credit for assignments done in red ink.
- Please use the following heading in the upper right-hand corner:
 - Name
 - Date
 - Period
 - Assignment Name

LATE WORK

- Assignments are due on the announced dates, and are subject to penalty if turned in after the due date.
- No assignment will be accepted after the test for the unit.
- Essays and other large assignments will go down one letter grade per day. No credit given after 2 days.

MAKEUP WORK

- For regular daily assignments (other than essays or projects), you have as many days to make up the work as you have been “excused” for your absence.
- For assignments that cannot go home, you will have to make arrangements to makeup the assignment (or test) before school, after school, or during lunch.
- I will **not** pursue your makeup work. It is your responsibility to find out what you have missed in class and to find out what the day’s assignment was.
- Please do not interrupt class to find out what you have missed. You may ask about makeup work before school, after school, or when class is finished.
- All makeup work is placed in the black bin on the counter. Assignments are also posted on the class Google Classroom page.
- The number one reason a student does poorly in class is failure to makeup their work. Do not neglect your responsibilities if you must be absent!

IN-CLASS MOVIES

- Throughout the semester, we may watch several movies in class that may have an “R” rating for scenes of violence or language. Movies with sexual content will not be shown. These movies will have a direct correlation to the topic that we are studying.
- Should you or your parent/guardian object to seeing an R-rated movie in class, you will have the option to complete an alternative assignment. Please contact Mr. Hart with specific questions relating to in-class movies.
- You *must* return the parent permission form at the bottom of the syllabus in order to watch an in-class movie that is rated R!

COURSE DESCRIPTION

- This year long course is a study of the history of the United States from the American Revolution to modern times. Major topics include the American Revolution, the Civil War and the impact of slavery, the World Wars, the Cold War, the Vietnam War, and the 9/11 terrorist attacks. Students will examine how each of these events affected the United States as a nation on the global stage, as well as how they changed American culture. Throughout this course, students will also analyze various primary source documents to enhance their understanding of American history. Here are the units that will be covered in this course:
 - Unit 1: American Revolution
 - Mini Unit: The Antebellum Period
 - Unit 2: The Civil War
 - Unit 3: Reconstruction
 - Unit 4: Becoming a World Power/World War I
 - Unit 5: The Great Depression
 - Unit 6: World War II
 - Unit 7: The Origins of the Cold War
 - Mini Unit: The 1950s Culture
 - Unit 8: The Kennedy-Johnson Years
 - Unit 9: The Civil Rights Movement
 - Unit 10: The Vietnam War
 - Unit 11: The 1970s to the Present

- Throughout this course, you will be required to complete assignments based on the textbook, in-class essays, outside research projects, and assignments based on in-class movies.

I have read this syllabus and I understand the course policies and expectations for this course. I am also fully aware that R-rated movies may be periodically shown in class. Should I wish not to view these films, I have the option to complete an alternative assignment.

Student's Signature

I have read this syllabus and I understand the course policies and expectations for Mr. Hart's U.S. History course.

_____ I give _____ permission to view R-rated films relevant to the study of U.S. History.

_____ I do not give permission for _____ to view R-rated films in class. I understand that an alternative assignment will be assigned to replace the viewing of the movie.

Parent's or Guardian's Signature