

# AP UNITED STATES HISTORY

Course Syllabus 2015 - 2016

## COURSE DESCRIPTION

Advanced Placement U.S. History is a college-level introductory course that examines the nations' political, diplomatic, intellectual, cultural, social, and economic history from 1491 to the present. A variety of instructional approaches are employed and a college level textbook is supplemented by primary and secondary sources.

### Semester 1

- Unit 1 Pre-Columbus & Early Encounters (chapter 1)
- Unit 2 Colonial America (chapters 2, 3, 4, 5)
- Unit 3 American War for Independence (chapters 6, 7, 8)
- Unit 4 Early Federal Period (chapters 9, 10, 11, 12)
- Unit 5 Jacksonian Democracy, National Economy, & Antebellum Reform (chapters 13, 14, 15)
- Unit 6 Manifest Destiny & Sectionalism (chapters 16, 17, 18)
- Unit 7 Civil War & Reconstruction (chapters 19, 20, 21, 22)
- Unit 8 Gilded Age (chapters 23, 24, 25)

### Semester 2

- Unit 9 Westward Expansion & Imperialism (chapters 26, 27, 28)
- Unit 10 Progressivism & World War 1 (chapters 29, 30, 31)
- Unit 11 1920s & 1930s (chapters 32, 33, 34)
- Unit 12 World War 2 & Early Cold War (chapters 35, 36, 37)
- Unit 13 1950s & 1960s (chapters 38, 39)
- Unit 14 1970s, 1980s, & beyond (chapters 40, 41, 42)

## TEXTBOOK

- The American Pageant by David M. Kennedy, Lizabeth Cohen, and Thomas A. Bailey (12<sup>th</sup> ed.) Houghton-Mifflin.
- Suggested Supplement: AP United States History: An Essential Coursebook (2<sup>nd</sup> ed) by Ethel Wood WoodYard Publications ([http://woodyardpublications.com/ap\\_united\\_states\\_history](http://woodyardpublications.com/ap_united_states_history))

## MATERIALS NEEDED

1. iPad and stylus
2. black or blue ink pens
3. #2 pencils
4. organizational folder for handouts
5. composition book (to stay in class)

**GRADING POLICY** - Your nine weeks grade will be determined as follows:

- A. DAILY GRADES (20%) (3-4 daily grades per 9-week grading period)
  - \* homework, in-class assignments, etc.
- B. TESTS (80%) (3-4 per 9 week grading period)
  - \*Essay, short answer and objective exams will be given

**RETEST POLICY** – retests will be available under the following stipulations:

- A. Will only be available for students who fail the exam (below a 70)
- B. Students must turn in a completed, handwritten Reading Guide OR Learning Targets to be eligible to retake exam
- C. Students will be given **ONE WEEK after the date of the original exam** to retake the test
- D. It will be a completely different exam
- E. Retest grade **will not exceed a 70**.

**LATE WORK/MAKE UP WORK/EXTRA CREDIT POLICY**

No makeup work will be accepted after the **unit exam**.  
NO extra credit will be given in this class

**TUTORING**

Will be available after school in the library on Tuesday and Thursday or by appointment

**TEST ACCESS POLICY**

Students may make an appointment to go over tests individually with teacher.

**EXEMPTIONS**

All Westlake High School exemption policies apply to this class.

**CLASSROOM MANAGEMENT**

All rules and regulations set forth in the Student Handbook are in effect in this class.

**TARDIES**

Tardies will be handled according to the school policy.

**CHEATING POLICY**

**THE WESTLAKE HIGH SCHOOL HONOR CODE WILL BE STRICTLY ENFORCED IN MY CLASS.**

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