

2009-2010 Danny Jones Middle School
U.S. History Syllabus

Course Description

Early American History students study the history of the United States from the early Colonial period through Reconstruction. The content builds upon that from Grade 5 American History but provides more depth and breadth. Historical content focuses on the political, economic, and social events and issues related to the colonial and revolutionary eras, the creation and ratification of the U.S. Constitution, challenges of the early Republic, westward expansion, sectionalism, Civil War, and Reconstruction.

Teacher Information

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tutorials – 8:15 A.M. – 8:45 A.M. (Days – TBA)

Text Book

Glencoe, The American Republic to 1877

Supplemental materials

Best of History Websites – <http://www.besthistorysites.net/USHistory.shtml>
Library of Congress – <http://www.loc.gov/index.html>
History Channel - www.history.com
1776 by David G. McCullough
The Civil War by Bruce Catton

Required Class Materials

Spiral notebook, map colors, ruler

Attendance, Tardies

1 Tardy = Warning
2 Tardies = Parent contact
3 Tardies = Teacher Detention & parent contact
4 Tardies = Lunch Detention & parent contact
5 Tardies = Office Referral & parent contact
(Tardies are cumulative per semester)

Class Participation

Participating in class discussions/activities is expected from all students, and will be considered as part of the students six weeks grade.

Missed Exams/Assignments

Students will be held responsible for completing any missed assignments or exams in a timely manner. Late work will be accepted the next class period for a 70. Any work

turned in more than one class period late will receive a grade of 50. Late work cannot be corrected.

Academic Dishonesty

Any student caught cheating on any assignment will receive a zero. Any other questions concerning this topic can be found in the student handbook.

Grading Policy

Tests/Projects - 40% of grade

Quizzes - 30% of grade

Daily Work - 30% of grade

Corrections

Quizzes and daily work can be corrected for a 70 if they are turned in on time.

Students will have the opportunity to retake each **test** one time for a maximum grade of 100. The date of the retake will be announced in the classroom after the test is taken.

Grade Scale

A – 90 – 100

B – 80 – 89

C – 70 – 79

F – 0 – 69

Available Support Services

The library contains a wide variety of materials available for student use. In addition, students also have access to tutorials in the morning from 8:15 – 8:45. Help can also be found on our class website located at:

<http://www.teacherweb.com/tx/dannyjonesmiddleschool/rayfortune>