



Reseda High School

Law and Public Service Magnet

Honors United States History

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Welcome to Honors US History. Below you will find course requirements and a brief course of study. As a survey course we will explore the political, economic, spatial, and cultural development of the United States.

Honors United States History is a yearlong course designed for students who plan on attending college/university after high school. This course will provide opportunities to develop analysis and communication skills expected at the university level.

Course Description:

Honors US History covers American History from the 1600s to the present. Throughout the year students will study various historical themes with emphasis on the development of the American legal system. We will look at how American law has changed over time in application to various groups. The role of women, federal civil rights and changing international policy will be of special interest in this course. Below you will find essential information in regards to the grading/assignment policies, attendance, materials needed and unit information.

Course Outline:

We will return to themes throughout the course. They will help to bring structure and continuity to our historical inquiries.

1. America and International Policy
 - How should America interact with other countries?
2. National identity and citizenship
 - What does it mean to be an American?
3. Political change and continuity
 - How has the American Political structure changed over time?
4. Pluralism and group identity
 - What groups do Americans identify with? Why did they join/form? How do you know they belong?
5. Free markets and economic transformation

- How does the economy work? What laws promote/discourage economic growth?
6. Judicial systems around the world
 - How is the American judicial system different?

Unit One: American Beginnings to 1877 (C.S.S. 11.1)

- 1) Exploration and the Colonial Age
 - a) Colonial Settlement and Emergence
 - i) Reasons for the colonial development; trade, religion, etc.
- 2) Revolution and the Early Republic
 - a) American Revolution; Cause and Effect
 - i) Taxation and Representation
 - ii) Declaration of Independence
 - iii) American Revolution
 - (1) Lexington Concord
 - (2) Battle of Saratoga
 - (3) Battle of Yorktown
 - b) Framers and the Constitution
 - i) Article of Confederation and its ineffectiveness.
 - ii) Constitutional Convention
 - iii) Bill of Rights
- 3) The Growth of a Young Nation
 - a) Jeffersonian Era
 - b) The Age of Jackson
 - i) Missouri Compromise
 - ii) Jacksonian Democracy
 - c) Manifest Destiny and American Expansion
 - i) Louisiana Purchase
 - ii) War with Mexico
 - iii) Settling the Frontier
 - d) Reforming American Society
 - i) William Lloyd Garrison/Fredrick Douglas
 - ii) Second Great Awakening
- 4) The Union in Peril
 - a) The Civil War
 - i) Causes and Effect
 - b) Reconstruction

Unit Two: Bridge to the 20th Century (C.S.S. 11.2.1,4,6,7)

- 1) A New Industrial Age
 - a) The Expansion of Industry; Industrial Revolution
 - b) Big Business and Labor
 - i) John D. Rockefeller
 - ii) Andrew Carnegie

- (1) Social Darwinism
 - iii) Trust; Monopoly; Cartel
- 2) Immigrants and Urbanization
 - a) Immigration to America.
 - i) Ellis and Angel Island
 - ii) Nativism
 - iii) Immigration laws and restrictions
 - b) Challenges of Urbanization.
 - c) Politics of the Gilded Age.
 - i) Political Machines; Boss Tweed and Tammany Hall
- 3) Life at the Turn of the 20th Century
 - a) Segregation and Discrimination
 - i) Plessy v. Ferguson

Unit Three: Modern America Emerges (C.S.S. 11.2.1,5,6,9; 11.4.1,2,3,5; 11.5.2; 11.7.6; 11.10.5,7; 11.11.5)

- 1) The Progressive Era
 - a) Origins of Progressivism
 - i) Muckrakers
 - ii) Prohibition
 - b) Teddy Roosevelt and the Square Deal
 - c) Progressivism Under Taft
 - d) Wilson's New Freedom
- 2) America Claims an Empire
 - a) Imperialism and America
 - i) Alaska and Hawaii
 - b) The Spanish American War
 - c) America as a World Power
 - i) Roosevelt Corollary
 - ii) Dollar Diplomacy
 - iii) Panama Canal
- 3) The First World War
 - a) World War I begins.
 - b) American power tips the balance
 - c) The war at home
 - d) Wilson fights for peace
 - i) Fourteen Points and League of Nations

Unit Four: The 1920s and the Great Depression (C.S.S. 11.2.2; 11.3.2; 11.5.1,2,4,5,6,7; 11.6.1,2,3,4,5; 11.11.5)

- 1) Politics of the Roaring Twenties
 - a) *Prohibition and Law Enforcement*
 - b) *Origins and History of NASCAR*
- 2) The Roaring Life of the 1920s

- a) Changing ways of life, including the role of women.
- b) The Harlem Renaissance
- 3) The Great Depression Begins
 - a) Causes and effects of the depression.
 - b) Hoover's response to the depression.
- 4) The New Deal
 - a) FDR and the New Deal

Unit Five: World War II and Its Aftermath (C.S.S. 11.7.1,2,4,5,7,8; 11.9.1,2,3,6; 11.10.5;

- 1) World War Looms
 - a) Dictators Threaten World Peace
 - i) Hitler, Stalin, Mussolini, Franco, Tojo
 - b) War in Europe
 - c) The Holocaust
 - d) America moves toward war.
- 2) The United States in WWII
 - a) American involvement in the war and Pearl Harbor.
 - b) The war in Europe
 - c) The war in the Pacific
 - d) The Home Front
- 3) Cold War Conflicts
 - a) Origins of the Cold War
 - b) The Cold War at Home
 - c) Two Nations Living on the Edge

Unit Six: Living With Great Turmoil (C.S.S. 11.6.5; 11.8.2,8; 11.9.3,4; 11.10.1,2,4,5,6,7; 11.11.2,6)

- 1) The New Frontier and the Great Society
 - a) Kennedy and the Cold War
 - i) Cuban Missile Crisis
 - b) The New Frontier
 - c) The Great Society
- 2) Civil Rights
 - a) Taking on Segregation
 - i) Dred Scott Decision
 - ii) Plessy v. Ferguson
 - iii) Brown v. Board of Education
 - b) Challenges and Changes in the Movement
 - i) *Civil Rights Movement and the role of Police Officers throughout the United States.*
 - ii) *History of the Bloods and Crips*
- 3) The Vietnam War Years
 - a) US Involvement and Escalation

- b) A nation Divided
- c) 1968: A Tumultuous Year
- d) The End of the War and Its Legacy
- 4) An Era of Social Change
 - a) Latinos and Native Americans Seek Equality
 - b) Women Fight for Equality
 - i) ERA Movement
 - c) Culture and Counterculture

Unit Seven: Passage to a New Century (C.S.S. 11.3.1; 11.4.3; 11.8.4,7; 11.9.1,3,5,6,7; 11.10.2; 11.11.2,3,4,5,7;

- 4) An Age of Limits
 - a) The Nixon Administration
 - b) Watergate: Nixon’s Downfall
 - c) The Ford and Carter Years
 - d) Environmental Activism
- 5) The Conservative Tide
 - a) The Conservative Movement Emerges
 - b) Conservative Policies Under Reagan and Bush
 - c) Social Concerns in the 1980s.
 - d) Foreign Policy After the Cold War
- 6) The United States in Today’s World
 - a) The 1990s and the New Millennium
 - i) *Terrorism and Policing Efforts*
 - ii) *Megan’s Law and Child Advocacy*
 - b) The New Global Economy
 - c) Technology and Modern Life
 - d) The Changing Face of America

Grading Policy:

Your grade will be determined by points received on homework, quizzes, tests, projects and writing assignments. You will have daily homework that will range from reading and note taking to outlining and vocabulary. This is essential to ensure that you keep up with the class and that material is covered in a timely fashion. Quizzes can be administered randomly, testing whether a student has done their homework or whether they have paid attention in class that day. There will be a test given at the end of every unit, which translates into eight exams. Unit exams will carry a higher number of points. There will be 1-2 writing assignments issued every 5 weeks, giving each student time to develop their thesis and master their writing skills. In addition to these individual assignments, there will, on occasion, be a group project. Grades will be given on a percentage scale as follows:

A 100 – 90%
 B 89 – 80%
 C 79 – 70%

D 69 – 60%
 F 59% - and lower

Work Habit grades will be given based on assignments; an E will be given to a student with zero missing assignments in a grading period, an S will be given to a student with one to three missing assignments in a grading period, and a U will be given to any student with more than three missing assignments in a given grading period.

Late Work: You may only turn in late work for a current grading period. Quizzes and tests must be made up within a week of your absence. You will have to take the missed quiz at nutrition on Wednesday and missed tests on Friday at lunch. Keep in mind that if you miss a test, you will only have a fourth of the time to make it up.

Attendance Policy:

You are required to follow the attendance policy of the school. Your attendance will have a direct connection to your semester grade. You will receive participation points that are determined on whether you are in class or not. If you are not in class you cannot participate. 2 points will be given per class period and 1 point will be given if you are tardy to class. If you fail to show up to class, with the exception being a school-approved activity, you will not receive points for the day. In order to be successful, you must attend class on a regular basis.

Materials Needed:

1. Three ring binder
2. Divider Tabs
 - a. Class Notes
 - b. Newspaper Articles
 - c. Group Reports
 - d. Readings
 - e. Reading Reflections
 - f. Reports/Essays
3. Agenda/Organizer
4. Covered Textbook

Materials Recommended:

5. Flash Drive
6. An email address to communicate with the instructor
7. Colored Pencils and a ruler for maps and projects.

Reseda High School ESLRS

In my class, students do much of their work in cooperative learning groups. I believe this type of activity helps students to learn how to do History while learning how to achieve the Reseda High School ESLRS:

- I. Effective Communicators-*Speak with Kindness and intelligence*
- II. Critical Thinkers-*Dare to create*
- III. Self-Directed Learners-*Take initiative*
- IV. Responsible Citizens-*Be a good neighbor*
- V. Healthy Individuals-*Sleep Smart, Eat Smart, Move Smart*