

Course Syllabus – American History

Teacher: John Harris
Class: American History (Pre-Colonial North America through U.S. Civil War)

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Course Description

The course introduces the students to the North American continent at the time Christopher Columbus began making his voyages to the New World. The course ends with the fighting of the U.S. Civil War.

Materials Needed

Textbook: Creating America: Beginnings Through Reconstruction
Other Materials: notebook or folder to keep assignments, pencil or pen

Academic and Behavioral Expectations

The class period is approximately 45 minutes long. There will be several guided and independent activities that will take place in that time. It is expected that the student will work within Wahoo Middle School's academic and behavioral expectations. (see below) All homework assigned will be due at the beginning of class unless otherwise noted. Quizzes and tests will be announced in advance and need to be completed the day that they are assigned. Long-term projects will also be announced in advance and are to be completed by the date assigned.

Wahoo Middle School Academic Expectations

- *Be on time and prepared for learning*
- *Complete assigned tasks on time*
- *Strive for academic success*
- *Use work time productively*
- *Respect people and property*
- *Respond appropriately to staff directives*

Grading

All daily assignments will be graded on a 1/0 scale. The student will receive a 1 if the assignment is completed on time and in a satisfactory manner. A student will receive a 0 if the assignment is late, incomplete or not completed in a satisfactory manner. All other assignments (quiz, test and project) will be graded on a 100-point scale. There will be two extra credit assignments offered each quarter; the points for those assignments will be placed in the quiz category.

Additional Information

If a student misses class, the responsibility of getting the notes, activity sheets and assignments is that of the student. Extra copies of activity sheets can be found on the back counter in the U.S. History folder. All of the week's activities as well as many of the classroom assignments and support materials can be found on the internet: www.wmsamericanhistory.weebly.com.

The student can ask questions or seek additional help outside of class in several ways. The teacher is available before school, during study hall, during lunch, during 8th period and after school. In addition, the student can call the teacher at home in the evening if needed.

Calendar of assignments (subject to change)

There will be...

- 2 activity sheets assigned per chapter
- 1 reading comprehension quiz per chapter
- 1 chapter test per chapter (reworked if score is less than 60%)
- 1 book report assigned per quarter (4th quarter may be optional)
- 2 extra credit assignments per quarter