

Lexington High School

## **American History II**

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**Course Description:** This course will allow you to gain an understanding of how the major people, events, & ideas of the 20th Century have affected the course of American history up to the turn of the 21st Century.

**Required Materials:** iPad & charger, folder, notebook, and something to write with.

**Classroom Rules: Failure to follow these rules will result in disciplinary action.**

1. You are expected to follow the Student Code of Conduct and School Wide Agreements.
2. You are expected to treat the teacher and other students with respect at all times. Offensive language and/or rude behavior are not acceptable in this class.
3. You are expected to be in your assigned seat and prepared for class when the bell rings.
4. You are responsible for contacting me if you have missed class to determine any assignments/tests you need to make up.
5. No food, candy, flavored drinks, or gum. Water bottles with a lid are allowed.
6. You are not allowed to use your cell phone during class. See the Cell Phone and Other Electronic Device Policy (Policy 6025) section in our student handbook.
7. Headphones will be allowed only during individual work time. If they prove to be a distraction during instruction, this privilege will be removed. If you choose to listen to music, it must be off of your iPad and not a cell phone.
8. Do not at any point disrupt the educational process for your peers. They deserve to learn in a classroom environment without distractions.
9. Your success or failure in this class depends on YOU. I am here to help and will always be willing to make time in my schedule to assist you, but you alone are responsible for getting the work done.

## **Bathroom Policy**

\_\_\_\_\_ Students are expected to use the bathroom during the passing period. If you are concerned about being able to make it in time, notify the teacher before going. Students will be permitted to go at the teacher's discretion.

## **Course Outline & Essential Questions**

### *1st Semester*

- 1. US Imperialism and WWI**
  - a. EQ: How did the United States emerge on the world's stage as an international power?
- 2. Roaring 20's and the Jazz Age**
  - a. EQ: How did this period of superficial prosperity and technological advancement affect the country moving forward?
- 3. Great Depression**
  - a. EQ: How does a country respond to economic hard times?
- 4. World War II**
  - a. EQ: How does a nation fight two wars at the same time?

### *2nd Semester*

- 1. The Cold War, Korean War and 1950's America**
  - a. EQ: How does a country act as a Superpower? How does global political conflict affect a country's citizens?
- 2. The Civil Rights Movement**
  - a. EQ: How did American society change? Why did it change during the 1960's?
- 3. Vietnam**
  - a. EQ: Why was this war fought? What were the results?
- 4. 1970's and Watergate**
  - a. EQ: Can we trust our elected officials? In what ways did society continue to change in the '70s?
- 5. 1980's and 1990's**
  - a. EQ: How does America lead the world when we struggle ourselves? How should a country progress as the lone superpower of the era?

## Assignments:

- There will be various assignments completed during the semester, including but not limited to Guided Reading Worksheets, Primary Source Document Analysis, Vocabulary Assignments, Research Projects, Digital Creations, Content Reflections, as well as Daily Bell Ringers and Exit Tickets.
  - **\*All homework assignments are assigned and turned in on Google Classroom...please become familiar with this process\***

## Grading

- **Missing assignments/tests and late work**
  - Will be marked as missing and entered in as a 0 in the grade book until turned in. Any late work that is turned in will receive no higher than 80%. Late assignments will be accepted until the end of the quarter.
- **Quarter Grade**
  - Formative Assessments (Homework, Bell Ringers and Exit Tickets, any work done in class or as a whole class) will account for 35% of your quarter grade.
  - Summative Assessments (Major Projects, Writing Assignments, Tests) will account for the remaining 65% of your quarter grade.
  - $35\% + 65\% = 100\%$  of your quarter grade.
- **Semester Grade**
  - The Semester Final will account for 10% of your semester grade
  - $Q1\ Grades + Q2\ Grades = 90\%$  of the First Semester Grade; Semester Test = 10%
  - $Q3\ Grades + Q4\ Grades = 90\%$  of the Second Semester Grade; Semester Test = 10%
- **Cheating/Plagiarism**
  - Cheating or plagiarism of any kind will not be tolerated. If a student is caught plagiarizing or cheating they will receive an automatic zero on the assignment, quiz, test, etc. The student will not be able to make up the assignment, quiz, test, etc.