

US History Syllabus
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Objective

Students will master the TEKS so that they (1) become knowledgeable citizens, (2) are successful in the course, and (3) pass the state-mandated EOC at the end of the year.

Expectation

This is a STAAR tested course and passing the EOC is required for graduation. Students must recognize that they must be in attendance, be prepared, and willing to work diligently so that all three objectives are met. Failure to pass the EOC will result in summer testing and could result in a support class next year causing the loss of an off campus period.

Resources

Hardcopy textbooks will not be issued to students unless specifically asked requested. The course will utilize a reference book for in class activities.

Grades

Students' grades for each nine weeks are based on unit tests and projects (60% of the grade) and classwork and homework grades (40% of the grade). Late work will only be accepted the next class period for a maximum of a 70%. Retesting of a unit test is available to all students if they fail the test and complete the reteach activity and it is completed within the allotted time. The retest grade will be averaged with the original grade for a grade not higher than a 70%.

Each unit will have terms and a term check. It is vital that you are familiar with these terms, they are essential to success in the course and EOC.

Unit tests will be multiple choice and will be written to mirror EOC questioning. The assessments will be made up only before school, flex time or after school and in my classroom. This applies to retests also.

Materials

Each student is expected to have their US History binder, pen/pencil, and paper with them at all times. They are to bring to class the first week of school a spiral notebook or writing tablet to be used as a journal throughout the year which will be left in the classroom.

Semester Exams

Students will take a semester exam at the end of the fall semester and another at the end of the spring semester. They will cover all material taught during that semester. Exemptions can be earned per Aledo ISD policy. Please see the handbook for details.

Classroom Rules

1. Student is expected to be on time.
2. Student is expected to have all materials every class. The student should have paper, pen/pencil, and their US History binder.
3. Student is expected to conduct themselves in a respectful and mature manner at all times.
4. Student is expected to always adhere to the Aledo ISD Code of Conduct and Student Handbook.
5. Student is expected to focus on and participate in the lesson at all times. Cell phones are not be a distraction. Cell phones are to be out of sight while the lesson is going on and must be zipped in their backpack during all quizzes and tests.
6. No food or drinks except water.

Teacher Assistance

If you need additional instruction or clarification please feel free to come see me during flex time on Wed. Thur. or Fri. My email address is dvierling@aledo.k12.tx.us if you would like to contact me.

Student Signature

Date

Parent Signature

Best way to be reached.