

American History 2

Parent Information

Newsletter

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Welcome! American History 2 is a course required for graduation. American History 2 is a survey course that starts with the Gilded Age and stops with the Modern Era. Students will learn about the major themes of history, reoccurring patterns in history, immigration and wars/conflicts. Since this is a survey course, a wide variety of topics will be addressed. There is a required state final exam called the NC Final (subject to change) that counts 20% of a student's final grade as mandated by the state. If the state exam is not given, a teacher made final exam is given that counts 20% (subject to change). Students can be exempt from the teacher made final per county policy but not the state final.

Necessary Supplies:

- 3-ring binder
- Notebook paper
- Flash drive
- Ear buds
- pen and/or pencil
- Laptops (expected to be brought to class daily)

Classroom Guidelines

Adherence to the following guidelines will insure a safe and enjoyable year for everyone.

- Do not talk while I am talking.
- Be on time and in your seat when the tardy bell rings.
- Always bring materials to class ready to learn and participate.
- Respect the rights and property of others.
- Food and water allowed in class only in original containers and may not be out when laptops are in use.
- No gum will be allowed in class.
- **No cell phones out in class; they will be collected if in use during class**
- All other school policies apply.

DISCIPLINE: For any disciplinary problem, be prepared for any of the following: break detention, loss of privileges, parental notification, after school detention, lunch detention, referral to the office, etc. Excessive tardies will result in an office referral and disciplinary action.

Grading

A student's class grade will be determined as follows:

A	90 – 100	1. Tests/Projects: Weighted 50%
B	80 - 89	2. Final Exam: Weighted 20% of your final grade.
C	70 - 79	3. Classwork/Quizzes: Weighted 30%
D	60 - 69	
F	59 and Below	

Progress Reports

Interim reports will be sent home periodically throughout the term. Interim reports are to be signed by a parent and returned to the teacher. Grades may be accessed anytime online through Power Schools. Grades are updated at least week on Fridays.

Attendance

ABSENCES: Students are required to bring a note excusing their absence to the office when they return to class. ***If a student checks in after missing the class, it is their responsibility to come by and see what they missed and turn in what is due. If a student checks out before class, the same applies. "A student shall lose credit for absences beyond six (6) unless the student makes up all work required by the teacher, completes the semester with a passing average (not counting the final exam grade), and makes a grade of 70 or higher on the final exam," per county policy.***

Tolerance

The history curriculum requires the study of people with diverse cultures, viewpoints and religions. Discrimination and derogatory comments will not be tolerated. All students are expected to show respect to others, regardless of their race, ethnicity, sex, national origins, religious and cultural beliefs.

Academic Integrity Policy

Wilkes County Schools has a new academic integrity policy. It is important that students and parents are familiar with this new policy. Students must turn in their own original work and if other sources are used, they must be cited.

Internet Access

Internet access at home is beneficial for this class. Assignments will be posted on Canvas, and the class Weebly. Internet access after school hours is helpful. If you have a problem with this, you may need to access the internet at school either before or after school.

American History Notes

- Tests, class assignments and due dates for major projects will be updated weekly on my website and on the class Canvas page.
- Studying notes and key terms as the course progresses will improve overall student performance.
- It is expected that students will study the readings, handouts and notes prior to the test.

Contact

I can be contacted during my planning period: 7:45-9:21am daily. I can also be reached by email, greenemi@wilkes.k12.nc.us Additionally, important dates, class information and assignments can be found on teacher web pages and Canvas pages which are updated regularly.

Signatures: By signing this you acknowledge that you have read and understand the content of this document.

Parent/Guardian: _____ Date: _____

Student Signature _____