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AP US History Course Syllabus 2022 - 23

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Course Content

Text
The textbook for the course is:
- US History AMSCO
- Various Selected Readings

About the Teacher
Briefly, I was born and raised in Texas. I received my BA in Political Science from Maryville College in Maryville, TN. I worked for years in the Petro-Chemical industry and decided to go into education in 2016. I have been at Waltrip for 6 years. I am the Montessori Social Studies teacher as well as the Waltrip Social Studies Chair. Currently I am also working towards my Master of Arts in Global History.

Ongoing Objectives
- By the end of this course, the student will have a working knowledge of US History
- He/she will also have gained an understanding of the AP US History exam, and prepared to take the AP Exam and STAAR.
- The student will explore the modes of writing through the FRQ’s of the AP US History

Portfolio
You are required to maintain an organized portfolio for the course. It will be submitted as a grade during each grading cycle. Portfolio dividers will be discussed in class.

Grading Scale
Everything has a percentage value. If a vocabulary quiz has 10 questions, there are 100 possible points for you. If a section test has 20 questions, there are 100 possible points for you. If an exam has 72 questions, there are 100 points.
Attendance and Participation

Attendance and participation are required; it is difficult to learn the content if you are not present in class. Your class participation and attendance can be a deciding factor if your class average straddles two grades. Be sure to see me about any missed work if you are absent.

Daily Required Materials
1. laptop  2. pen  3. three-ring-binder  4. paper

Units – With Exam Weights

Period 1 – 1491 – 1607 (4 - 6 %)

Period 2 – 1607 - 1754 (6 – 8 %)

Period 3 – 1754 – 1800 (10 - 17 %)

Period 4 – 1800 – 1848 (10 – 17 %)

Period 5 – 1844 – 1877 (10 – 17 %)

Period 6 – 1865 – 1898 (10 – 17%)

Period 7 – 1890 – 1945 (10 – 17 %)

Period 8 – 1945 – 1980 (10 – 17 %)

Period 9 – 1980 – Present (4 - 6 %)