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## AP US History Course Syllabus 2021-22

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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.

#### 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 %)**