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### APUSH Syllabus 2021-22

**Course Description:** In AP U.S. History, students investigate significant events, individuals, developments, and processes in nine historical periods from approximately 1491 to the present. Students develop and use the same skills and methods employed by historians: analyzing primary and secondary sources; developing historical arguments; making historical connections; and utilizing reasoning about comparison, causation, and continuity and change. The course also provides eight themes that students explore throughout the course in order to make connections among historical developments in different times and places: American and national identity; work, exchange, and technology; geography and the environment; migration and settlement; politics and power; America in the world; American and regional culture; and social structures. (From College Board)

**Textbook:** Newman, J. J., & Schmalbach, J. M. (2021). *Advanced Placement United States History* (4th ed.). Perfection Learning. (\$22)

#### **Rules and Procedures**

- *Get to class on time.* Students not inside the classroom by the end of the tardy bell will be required to present a tardy slip from the kiosk or a signed grid.
- *Put cell phones and other electronics away.* Students caught on their cell phones or other devices after the tardy bell without permission will have them confiscated.
- *Sit in your assigned seat.* Students will be assigned seats to aid with contract tracing if needed. Students must remain in their assigned seats unless permission is granted to move.
- *Begin working with the tardy bell.* Read the board to see what you should be doing to start the class and begin to do it as by the time the bell rings.
- *Abide by the 15-15 rule.* Students are not allowed out of the classroom during the first and last 15 minutes of class for any reason except for an emergency or if called by the front office. Leaving the classroom is at the discretion of the teacher and the student must have their own grid to be signed. Students cannot leave class to purchase a new grid.
- *Clean up after yourself.* Help to keep the classroom neat and orderly by throwing away your trash.
- *Be Respectful.* Do and act as you are instructed. Failure to do so will result in disciplinary action.

#### **Electronic Devices**

1. Students should bring charged Chromebooks to class everyday. Digital work will not be provided in printed form.
2. Students may not use any electronic devices to: text, play games, watch videos, look at pictures or any other non-school related activity. Inappropriate use of any electronic device will result in the device being taken up and turned in to the front office for parent pick up.
3. **Mobile/ Cell Phone Policy:**
  - a. Cell Phones **MAY** be charged during class, but they must be on silent.
  - b. Cell Phones **MAY NOT** be not be used during class

- c. Cell Phones **MAY NOT** be taken with the student to the restroom or any other location during class time.
- d. Any violation of the above will result in the phone being collected, turned in to the front office for parent pick-up, and a behavioral referral will be written.

**Materials:**

- 1.5 inch binder with tabs (Bellringers, Notes, Work).
- Pencils, Pens, Highlighters, and Paper

**Grading Practices and Reporting.**

- Students will receive at least one academic grade weekly.
- Students will receive a grade for each semester.

Practice Work	Assessment Tasks	Semester Summative Assessment Tasks
Class work, homework, formative assessments, diagnostic assessments, and written reflections. May be graded for accuracy or completion	Such as constructed response assessments, selected response assessments, reflective assessments, summative unit assessments, culminating performance tasks, and projects	Assesses the totality of standards for the course. A cumulative exam will be given at the end of each semester.
Counts 40% of the grade	Counts 40% of the grade	Counts 20% of the grade

- Parents of students with a failing grade will be contacted regularly. Contact begins with an email, if no response is received a phone call will be made.

**Make-up Work**

- Students are responsible for any missed assignments on the first day they return to school from an absence.
- The number of days allowed to complete make-up work will not exceed the number of days absent.
- Failure to comply with this procedure will result in a grade of zero (0) being given for graded assignments missed during an absence.

**Late Work**

- Assignments are intended to prepare students for assessments. As such, all assignments are given due dates prior to assessments for each unit. If a student fails to turn in an assignment by the due date, they are hurting their chance to be successful.
- An assignment is late once the grade has been entered into Infinite Campus
- Late assignments will be accepted; however, students must submit a “Work Submission” form found on Google Classroom for EACH assignment.
- I will update grades on Sundays and only for assignments in which I have received a correctly completed “Work Submission” form.