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Pd: _____

Syllabus: US History

(Subject to change)

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Office Hours:

Daily, periods 13-14 HW Club tutoring,
Mondays @ 3pm (room 129). Available
by appointment before and after school
most days.

Overview:

Welcome to US History! This course is designed to be a rigorous, writing-intensive, college preparatory History class. The course will span from pre-Columbian American History to present day, with a particular focus given to African American History. Students will work extensively with a variety of primary and secondary sources to execute high-level historical analysis. Students will demonstrate strong historical thinking through class discussion, essays, written exams, and some creative projects.

For Updates: www.MrFantinisClass.weebly.com & @MrFantinisHWBoard



Classroom Norms

1. Arrive on time and **prepared to participate fully** in class, every day.
 - o **Prepared** meaning physically, with all materials and classwork, and emotionally, with a positive attitude.
2. Never give less than your best effort.
3. Be respectful, both to me and your classmates. Assume best intentions of those around you.
4. **Care and advocate for yourself and one another.**
 - o If you're stuck, lost, confused, etc. ask me or a classmate.
5. **Cell phones remain on silent and away for the entire period.**
6. If you must miss class time, be proactive and responsible for your work. I will happily help you, but **it is your job to catch yourself up.**

Course Content:

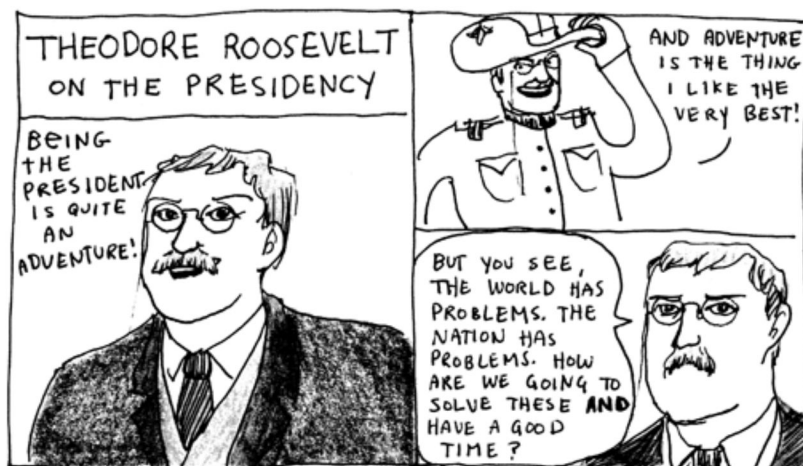
All course content will be aligned with Pennsylvania Standards for US History. Full standards may be found on the class website or the state curriculum engine (<https://www.pdesas.org/Standard/View#>). A rough sketch of major units may be found below.

MP1	MP2	MP3	MP4
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Pre-Columbian America & Exploration• British Colonization and the Revolution• The Constitution	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 1st Presidencies and Early Crises• Antebellum• The Civil War & Reconstruction	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Gilded Age & Industrialization• A Global Power (Imperialism & WWI)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Great Depression• WWII• The Cold War• Vietnam and Civil Rights

Required Daily Materials:

1. Subject specific notebook and folder (subject to occasional checks, if needed).
2. Pencil or pen.
3. Any ongoing assignment or assigned text.

Coming to class unprepared will result in the loss of participation points.



Class Participation: You are expected to be fully engaged participants every day.

- Class participation will be classified as a “Performance-Based Assessment” and will likely be the largest single grade each quarter.
- Participation points are lost for violating classroom norms and expectations (listed above), disengagement, latenesses, and any other behavior that does not represent your best self.

Homework and Late Work Policy:

- Expect homework or assigned reading every night. Missing homework will often result in an inability to participate in class.
- For typical homework assignments, late work will be accepted within 3 days of the due date for **half credit ONLY IF** it is done **very well**.
- **Major assignments** will be deducted 10% for each day late, down to 50% deducted from your earned grade. After that, I may not accept it.

- If needed, we can meet to discuss an extension **in advance of the due date**.
The earlier you come to me, the more flexible I can be in offering extensions.
- I stop accepting late work **one week before grades close**.

Grade Weights

Type of Assignment	Percentage of Total Grade
Assessments and Major Projects	40%
Class Participation	30%
Classwork & Homework	30%

Cell Phone Policy:

IF I SEE YOUR PHONE ONCE: You will receive a warning to put your phone away and lose a participation point.

IF I SEE YOUR PHONE TWICE: You will lose another participation point and you will receive a detention **OR** you may place your phone in phone jail until the end of the period.

IF CELL PHONE USE IS A PERSISTENT PROBLEM: Losing participation points regularly will make it impossible to get a good grade. If a student cannot regulate their behavior, we will work together with parents to find a solution

Academic Integrity:

- Any form of cheating, copying, or plagiarism will result in an immediate zero **for all parties involved**, a phone call home, and a referral to the dean's office.
- **Once again: all parties involved will receive a zero. I do not care who copied whom.**
- All essays and major assignments will be run through an online plagiarism checker. **Please, do not even try to plagiarize.**

Latenesses:

- You are expected to be here and ready to work (eg. seated, materials ready, attentive) at the bell.
- Arriving after the bell **without a pass** constitutes **lateness**. All lateness will be documented and will result in the loss of participation points. Excessive lateness will result in detentions, phone calls home, and parent conferences if needed.
- **IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO GET A LATE PASS FROM YOUR PREVIOUS TEACHER.** Do not say "she didn't give me one" or "you can call him."
- Chronic latenesses will result in phone calls home and referrals to the dean.

Absences:

- For typical **excused absences**, work may be made up for full credit within an extension period equal to time missed (eg. 2 days of excused absence, makeup work due two days after your return).
- I will do everything I can to help you, but **you are responsible for finding out what you missed and catching up.**
- For **unexcused absences**, you will receive a zero for that day's participation and all work you missed.

Classes Cut:

- A **class cut** will result in a zero for all the day's work (**including tests and presentations**), a detention, and an immediate call home.
- Refer to student handbook for full FLC policy pertaining to classes cut.

Food and Drink:

- Small snacks that create no smell or mess are permitted. **NO NUTS ALLOWED.**
- Water bottles are permitted.
- These privileges will be immediately revoked if they become a distraction or if any mess or garbage is left behind after class.

Phone Calls Home:

- You, your parent(s)/guardian(s), and I all want you to be successful. If needed, all three parties will work together to make that happen.
- I will call home for any student whose grade is in danger of falling below a 70%.
- I will call home for any student struggling to meet the expectations of the class, or bring their best self to class every day.

