

AP United States History
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Google Class Code: **8tsmj**
2nd Hour AP Classroom Code: **2NVEMK**
9th Hour AP Classroom Code: **2ZAJD2**



Course Description

AP U.S. History is equivalent to a two-semester introductory college course in U.S. history. 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.

Prerequisites

There are no prerequisites for AP U.S. History. Students should be able to read a college-level textbook and write grammatically correct, complete sentences.

Course Content

The AP U.S. History Course is structured around themes and concepts in nine different chronological periods from approximately 1491 to the present:

- Period 1: 1491-1607
- Period 2: 1607-1754
- Period 3: 1754-1800
- Period 4: 1800-1848
- Period 5: 1844-1877
- Period 6: 1865-1898
- Period 7: 1890-1945
- Period 8: 1945-1980
- Period 9: 1980-Present

Class Text

Brinkley, Alan. *American History: A Survey, 13th Edition*.

Assignments/Assessments

The semester grade will be based on the following assignments/assessments:

- ▶ **Practice** - (24%) – Daily work consists of guided reading assignments, document analyses, short-answer responses, essays, etc.
- ▶ **Content Quizzes** (24%) – Students will take a multiple-choice quiz at the end of most chapters.
- ▶ **Document-Based Quizzes** (32%) – At the end of each historical period, students will take a document – based multiple-choice quiz. These quizzes mirror the types of questions on the multiple-choice section of the AP exam.
- ▶ **Final Exam** (20%)

The **semester final** for this course will make up **20% of your final semester grade**.

Grading Scale

A+ = 98-100%
A = 93-97
A- = 90-92

B+ = 87-89%
B = 83-86
B- = 80-82

C+ = 77-79%
C = 73-76
C- = 70-72

D+ = 67-69%
D = 63-66
D- = 60-62

Parents/students may check grades at any time by accessing the “Parent Portal” on the district website (www.syc427.org). Every effort will be made to update grades on a regular basis. Please understand that it may take more time to enter project grades or longer assignments (e.g. essays).

The A.P. United States History Exam

Students enrolled in A.P. United States History are expected, but not required, to register for and take the College Board's A.P. United States History Exam. **The test is scheduled for Friday, May 8. The exam costs \$94.** In March, students should register for the exam in the SHS guidance office. More information about the exam can be found at <http://www.collegeboard.com>.

Classroom Management

Late Work

All assignments need to be completed and turned in on their due date. These assignments are used to introduce or reinforce the activities that we do in class and to prepare students' for their assessments. If a student fails to meet this requirement, they have 24 hours to get it turned in for half credit. Afterwards, students can still turn it in but will receive further point deductions the longer it is postponed by the student.

Absences

Excused absences will be allowed the standard make-up time as stated in the student handbook. Any unexcused absence will result in a zero for any missed assignment. Test dates will be posted in advance. Students are encouraged to begin studying for the test at that time. If a student is absent the day before the test, **they are still responsible** for taking that test the following day.

General Rules

- **Be PROMPT:** Take your seat quietly when the bell rings. If you are not by your seat when the bell sounds, you will be marked tardy.
- **Be PREPARED:** Bring all necessary materials to class every day. You will not be allowed to go to your locker once the bell has rung. Each student is granted 5 passes per semester to use the restroom or see the nurse.
- **Be POLITE:** Treat other students and your teacher with respect. Inappropriate behavior will be dealt with in accordance with the school discipline code.
- **Follow PROCEDURES:** Follow all classroom procedures. This is APUSH class. If you are working on something other than APUSH during class time, it may be taken away from you. Food is not permitted.
- **PARTICIPATE:** Use class time positively. Debate and discussion are regular activities in AP US History class. Students should be able to engage in these activities without being obnoxious or offensive.

Technology and Computer/Network Acceptable Use Policy

All technological devices may only be used during permitted times in class. Technology should only be used for educational purpose during class time. Technology used inappropriately during assessments may result in a zero on the assessment. Failure to adhere to these expectations may lead to disciplinary results via the Student Handbook. Earbuds/headphones must be put away.