US History & Government I Syllabus Fall 2021

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What is this class about?

US History & Government is a year long course that explores the formation and expansion of the United States of America. The first half of the course will cover the years 1607-1900s. This course will analyze how and why the United States came to be, how its government and citizens struggled ideologically and physically while attempting to maintain its philosophical foundations, and explore how the US dealt with and recovered from civil war.

Units of Study 1. Forming a Union: 1607-1800s 2. Expansion, Nationalism, & Sectionalism:1800-1865 3. Post-Civil War America: 1865-1900s

Class Expectations

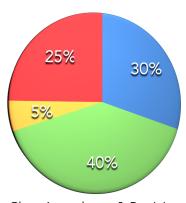
Class Attendance & Participation: You are expected to attend the class each day on time. Your attendance to class is 5% of your overall grade and participation in class is 25% of your overall grade. You are expected to participate in discussions either orally or by submitting written answers by the end of class. Disrupting the class, irrelevant discussions, or refusal to contribute to the class will result in loss of daily participation credit.

Assignments: Assignments will vary by unit and topic. Some will be collaborative with peers and others done individually. Assignments are expected to be completed daily and if they are not finished, you are expected to complete them outside of class time.

Projects, Essays & Quizzes: During the course of the semester, you will complete a number of projects or essays related to big issues and controversies in US History. These will be completed as individual projects unless otherwise assigned. Each unit will have at least 1 quiz to check for understanding for the learning objectives for the unit.

Homework: Per school policy, you will have homework Monday-Thursday. It will count for 5% of your grade.





- Class Attendance & Participation (30%)
- Assignments (40%)
- Homework (10%)
- Projects, Essays, Quizzes (25%)

Learning Objectives:

- Analyze how the United States formed from European Colonialism.
- Understand the foundations and principals behind the US Constitution and Government.
- Analyze how slavery lead to Civil War and answer if civil war was inevitable.
- Understand how reconstruction, urbanization, and industrialization affected life in the US for all its citizens.