



U.S. History I Syllabus
Fordson High School 2019-2020
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Overview: This class will explore the history and development of the United States from 1890 and the Progressive Era to 1941 as America is about to enter World War II. This includes Chapters 9-16 in The Americans textbook. We will look at government, civics, economics, immigration, culture, gender, civil rights, equity/equality, and war during these time periods.

Materials: You will need the following items for this class EVERY DAY:

- a 1 inch binder with dividers
- lined paper for Bell Work/notes/classwork
- pens or pencils

Optional: a folder, colored pencils, highlighters, scissors, glue sticks

Please have your materials by **Wednesday, September 4, 2019. This is worth points!**

Attendance & Participation: Attendance & active participation are essential to your success in this class. If you are not in class, you are not learning the material. The district audit policy is enforced. 4 tardies = 1 absence. Once you have 10 absences, you are on audit. If you are on audit, you need to score at least a 78% on the final, or you will receive reduced credit for this course. Participation is vital to your success. You will receive participation points for activities and overall participation during the marking period.

Assignments & Missing Work: This class is weighted 80% Summative and 20% Formative when determining the final grade. Grades are comprised of in-class assignments, projects, and assessment grades. If students miss class, they are still responsible for the work they have missed. Late assignments will be accepted for partial credit up until the date of the test on that unit/section. I will update my school iBlog with our daily work and this will be the best place to locate missing work. It is the student's responsibility to meet with the teacher to make up missing tests/quizzes. Missing tests/quizzes must be taken at an agreed upon time outside of class.

Students must use Student Connect to check their grades. I do not use class time to check grades for students. Questions about individual grades should be addressed before or after class. Under no circumstance may semester exams be taken early. This is a district policy.

A 100-93%	C+ 79-77%	D- 62-60%
A- 92-90%	C 76-73%	E 59-50%
B+ 89-87%	C- 72-70%	
B 86-83%	D+ 69-67%	
B- 82-80%	D 66-63%	

Passes: Passes will not be given out. Medical passes will be honored.

Food/Drink: There will be no eating or drinking anything except water in class. No gum please.

Cell Phones & Electronics: Cell phones are turned off and placed in the caddy every day at the beginning of class. If I see your phone, it will go to the office and your parents will have to retrieve it. Do not use your phone in my class unless you have been given permission. The easiest way to avoid getting your phone confiscated is to put it in the caddy where it belongs. This is school policy. Headphones are also to be put away.

Class Norms:

In our classroom we will...

- **RESPECT** ourselves and others (classmates, teachers/staff, and guests) at all times. We will make sure to use all property and supplies appropriately.
- *Be on time & prepared for class every day.* All students must be in their seats working on Bell Work before the bell rings. Please come to class with all of your materials every day.
- *Follow directions the 1st time they are given.* I will only repeat myself for clarification (if someone does not understand something) purposes. If you miss the directions, ask a neighbor what was said.
- *Be active listeners & active participants.* We will work in groups often so being active listeners and active participants is essential. We all must keep our voices to one at a time and at an indoor volume.
- *Support each other in the learning process.* We will help others when we see someone struggling. We will use positive encouragement and kind words during discussions, assignments, and projects.
- *Be honest and have integrity in all we do.* All assignments, projects and tests will be completed honestly and with integrity. All incidents of cheating/plagiarism will result in a 0 for that assignment and may be reported to school administration. Examples include but are not limited to: copying someone else's answers (BOTH students receive a zero), copying information without citing your source, talking/whispering during a test or quiz, having a cell phone during a test or quiz, using a cheat sheet or opening an unauthorized window during a test or quiz, and putting your name on someone else's work.
- *Clean up after ourselves before leaving the classroom.* Please put textbooks and classroom supplies away and throw away any trash around you. No one will be dismissed until the room is clean.

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns. I will update my school blog regularly to keep everyone informed about events, assignments, tests, etc... I am always available by email and I respond within 24 hours. We are going to have an amazing year! I look forward to learning and growing with each of you this year. GO TRACTORS!

Sincerely,
Mrs. Connors

By signing this I agree to honor our classroom rules, norms, and procedures as well as the consequences associated with not following them.

Student Name: _____ **Signature:** _____ **Hour:** _____

Parent/Guardian: _____ **Signature:** _____