



Gadsden County High School

Class Syllabus

2020-2021

Course Information:

Class: United States History (2100310)

Grade: 9-12

Room: 410

Instructor:

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Course Description:

The grade 9-12 United States History course consists of the following content area strands: United States History, Geography, and Humanities. The primary content emphasis for this course pertains to the study of United States history from Reconstruction to the present day. Students will be exposed to the historical, geographic, political, economic and sociological events which influenced the development of the United States and the resulting impact on world history. So that students can clearly see the relationship between cause and effect in historical events, students should have the opportunity to review those fundamental ideas and events which occurred before the end of Reconstruction.

Course Goals/Expectations (Face-to-Face & Virtual):

After successfully completing this course, the student will...

- demonstrate an understanding of United States History from 1860-present
- demonstrate effective use of communication skills
- demonstrate effective use of planning and decision-making skills
- do exceptionally well on the End-of-Course Exam.

Course Materials:

Textbook – McGraw-Hill's *United States History & Geography*

Website – See teacher for Google Classroom code for your respective class period.

Supplies – Both Face-to-Face and Virtual students should bring the following to class each day: laptop, headphones, pencil, pen, loose-leaf notebook paper, and a composition book for notes. Other supplies (colored pencils/markers) may be requested for special assignments.

Absentees/Tardiness:

Rather Face-to-Face or Virtual, the regular presence and punctuality of students is necessary for successful completion of this course. Students must be in their seats before the tardy bell rings. If you are a virtual student, you should be in a quiet location and logged into the Google Classroom/Google Meet session at the start of class. When a student has been tardy or absent from class three times, parents will be contacted to determine and correct the problem. Appropriate school staff will also be contacted. **It is the student's responsibility to request makeup exams and missed assignments due to excused absences and/or tardiness.** Students have one day

per absence to request and complete make up work, up to ten absences. Missed assignments should be completed and turned in as instructed. Makeup work and tests may or may not be the same as original assignments. Please become familiar with attendance and tardy policies located in the Student Code of Conduct Handbook.

Classroom Participation:

Both Face-to-Face and Virtual students are expected to participate in all classroom activities. This includes discussions, written classroom assignments, project/group activities, oral presentations, quizzes, tests, etc. Students are also expected to complete and submit homework as assigned. **To reduce possible transmission of Covid-19, all assignments in this course will be issued and returned via Google Classroom.** All assignments will have a due date attached to them and Google Classroom will automatically mark it late if submitted after the announced deadline. **Except for tests/quizzes/projects, all other assigned work is due at the start of your class period. All late assignments are automatically deducted 10 points per day.** Please reach out to me if there is a personal situation happening that may prevent you from submitting the work on time. For your convenience, I have attached the 2020-2021 Bell Schedule. If you are in my 4th Period, we will follow the shaded portion:

GCHS 2020-2021 Bell Schedule

Class Period	Start	End
1st Period	8:10 a.m.	9:07 a.m.
2 nd Period	9:12 a.m.	10:09 a.m.
3 rd Period	10:14 a.m.	11:11 a.m.
Lunch A	11:11 a.m.	11:46 a.m.
4 th Period (A)	11:51 a.m.	12:48 p.m.
4 th Period (B)	11:16 a.m.	12:13 p.m.
Lunch B	12:13 p.m.	12:48 p.m.
5 th Period	12:53 p.m.	1:50 p.m.
6 th Period	1:55 p.m.	2:52 p.m.

Projects (Face-to-Face & Virtual):

Both individual and group projects will be assigned during this course. Whether you are Face-to-Face or Virtual, you are expected to participate, complete, and present the project. We will go in greater detail once we approach the first major project.

Grading Policy:

Student grades will be calculated using scores from individual classroom assignments, class participation, quizzes, tests, project/group assignments, journals, and homework completion. Per Gadsden County Public Schools policy, the following standardized grading scale will be used:

A	90-100	Excellent
B	89-80	Good
C	79-70	Average
D	69-60	Unsatisfactory
F	59-45	Failing

The following grading rubric will be used.

- Bell Ringers – 10%
- Daily Assignments – 30%
- Quizzes (Announced and Unannounced) – 15%
- Tests – 25%
- Projects/Presentations – 20%

Per Florida Department of Education regulations, this U.S. History course requires an End-of-Course (EOC) exam. The EOC assessment is worth 30% of your final grade.

Classroom Behavior (Face-to-Face & Virtual):

Gadsden County High School is a community of learners. For any community to thrive, certain rules must be embraced. In this class students are expected to:

1. **BE RESPECTFUL** - All students will respect themselves, the instructor, their fellow students, and their learning environment. No food, gum, or cell phone usage is allowed. Again, no cell phones.
2. **BE READY** - All students must attend class every day and be ready to actively participate in daily activities. Readiness includes having all supplies each day.
3. **BE RESPONSIBLE** - All students must accept responsibility for themselves, their assignments, and their actions.
4. **BE HONEST** – Plagiarism will result in a grade of “0” for any given assignment.

Additional Classroom Behavior for Virtual Students:

5. **Your laptop camera should always be on.** I should see you as if you were physically in my class.
6. **The student should be in a quiet location, away from distraction.** If that isn't possible, please wear your headphones.
7. **Do not eat and drink during class.** If you were physically in school, you would not be eating and drinking during my class.
8. **Wear appropriate clothing.** You wouldn't come to campus in your pajamas; therefore, you should not come our virtual class in your pajamas.
9. **Please mute your laptop** when entering the virtual classroom meeting.

Face-to-Face students should not share any electronic devices.

The use of school laptops are only for school appropriate material.

Disclaimer:

I will respond to any emails/phone calls/text messages until 6 p.m. Monday-Thursday, and 4 p.m. on Friday's. Anything after the stated cut-off time will be answered the next available school day.

All information provided is subject to change at the discretion of the teacher and without notice.