

Mr. Keith Jones

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US History II

The United States History II course is the second part of a two part series. The second part of the course will follow the growth of our country through the late nineteenth and into the twentieth century, roughly 1877-1996. Study in this course will included, but is not limited to: Western Frontier, the Industrial Age, the Progressive Era, World War I, World War II, Post- WW II Boom, the Fifties, JFK, Cuban Missile Crisis, Bay of Pigs, the Vietnam War, Watergate, the Civil Rights Movement and the Conservative Eighties.

Course Requirements

- 1) A notebook and folder.
- 2) Writing implement
- 3) US History Text
- 4) Required Novels, when appropriate.

Please bring above items to class everyday.

Tests, Quizzes and Homework

Tests will be given at the end of each chapter and Unit. Unit Tests consist of one test covering several chapters. There will be at least 3 major test grades each quarter.

Quizzes will be given periodically throughout the chapter. Some quizzes will be announced, some will not.

Essays and assignments will be given following video assignments.

Homework will vary according to each chapter. There will also be some small individual and group projects that will count as homework and quizzes.

TESTS and QUIZZES must be made up the first day following an absence

All homework is significant and should be completed on time.

Late homework 1 day late will receive half the point value of the homework assignment. A zero will be assigned for any homework not turned in at all.

Grading Breakdown

Tests 40%

Quizzes 30%

Homework 15%

Class Participation 15%

COURSE OUTLINE:

1. Lecture notes will be given daily and the material from the lectures will appear on tests, quizzes, and class work (all counting for grades). Students, who wish to perform well in the class, should record all notes in a notebook strictly reserved for history. Class participation is based on verbal contributions and the teacher's observation of notes being recorded by students.
2. Quizzes will be given weekly. Students must be prepared everyday for these quizzes, even though they may not occur every day. They will most often be announced on-line.
3. Tests will be given at the end of every chapter. They will be announced in class and on-line two to three days in advance. This provides a prepared student adequate time to review. Tutoring is available. See the Guidance Office or Mr. Dugan for more information.
4. Anyone absent from school (for an excused reason) during a test or a quiz will take a make-up test/quiz (during class or after school) one to two days after their return (unless otherwise decided by the teacher). If a student misses a test or a quiz due to a school activity and fails to warn Mr. Dugan of the conflict in advance of the absence, they will be penalized with a point deduction on the make-up test.

STUDENTS AND PARENTS PLEASE NOTE: Class participation, although only 10%, can very easily help or hurt a grade.

How to earn class participation points every day...

- Follow the lecture, with full attention on either the book or the virtual white board/teacher.
- Take notes in class, answer the teacher's questions and participate in class discussions.
- Arrive in class before the final bell, dressed in full uniform (hair included), with no gum, purse, or electronic device.

PARENTS PLEASE NOTE: Any parent wishing to contact me with any questions or concerns may do so via e-mail (sdugan@shhslions.com) or phone (856-691-4491 Ext. 1205). Students may not e-mail or call me at any time. If a student has any questions, they must see me after class.