

Course Syllabus: US History

Mr. Shawiak

Room 10-204

2014-2015

Course Description: This course is designed to help the student understand their connection to the development of the United States by examining the past to prepare for their future as participating members of American society. Topics will include history, geography, economics, political processes, religion, diverse cultures and humanities.

Content: We will cover 10 units of study; Civil War, Reconstruction, & Westward Expansion, Second Industrial Revolution, Immigration & Progressivism, Imperialism & World War I, 1920s (Great Depression & New Deal), World War II, Cold War, Civil Rights, Modern America, and Issues for the 21st Century.

Required Materials:

1. 100 Page Spiral Notebook (one per semester)
2. Duo-Tang folder or thin 3 ring binder
3. Glue sticks
4. Writing utensils and highlighters
5. Extra, lined paper

Grading:

Tests/ Notebook/Project/DBQs/ = 50% Daily Assignments = 40% Homework = 10%

Classroom Rules: Classroom behavior will be governed by the following policies. These are intended as guidelines to help you build a sense of community and cooperation within the classroom.

1. **Think before you speak and/or act.**
2. **All electronic devices are turned off.**
3. **Clean up your own mess.**
4. **Follow the CORE 4 here at BHS.**

Classroom Policies:

1. Homework is due at the beginning of class period. You may receive an academic detention if you have too many missing assignments. Failure to show up will result in a referral. If you miss a test or need to retake a test, you will make it up after school within one week.
2. When you are absent, **YOU** are responsible for obtaining the missing work. You may get the notes from a classmate and homework assignments on my website. Do not ask for missing work during class.
3. All homework and class work will be placed into either the Interactive Student Notebook (spiral) or the duo-tang folder. Work will be graded daily and the notebook will be graded during each unit test.
4. Discipline will be handled swiftly. Please behave at all times.
5. Any grade below a "C" is unacceptable and insulting to me.

Contact Information: Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns.

1. My website, <http://mrshawiak.yolasite.com/>, and the BHS homepage, have a link to my school email account. I will respond to your email as quickly as possible.
2. 671-6210 – to call the school and schedule a meeting.
3. I am usually available every morning except Wednesdays from 8:15 until 9:15 and after school on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:45 until 5:45.

My parents and I have read this syllabus and understand what is expected.

Student Signature

Date

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date