# Welcome to Virginia and United States History!

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Course Textbook: America: Past and Present

## Virginia and United States History:

The focus of this course is to study the history of the United States from the colonial period to the modern day. The student will develop skills in a variety of areas relating to history including analyzing and interrupting primary and secondary sources, perspectives of time and space, discussion, debate, and interrupt the significance events and actions.

#### **Materials:**

- Writing Utensil (Pen or Pencil)
- Spiral Notebook
- 3 ring binder to keep handouts

### **Note-Taking:**

It is your responsibility to not only take notes during class, but to study and gather any missed notes in advance before the test.

### **Assignments and Projects:**

It is your responsibility to ask for and turn in make-up work. I will not come to you but I will provide you with any missed work if asked. Some assignments and projects will be group based, I expect all students to work together in groups and all students to participate and contribute to the group.

#### Homework:

Homework is to be turned in at the beginning of class on which it is due. **No late homework will be accepted.** 

**Grading:** In accordance with the school policy.

A 100-90 B 89-80 C 79-70 D 69-60 F 59-0

- Students may receive an "I" for incomplete work due to absence.

0	Numbers of Days Absent	Number of Days to Make up Work
	<b>1</b> -3	-2
	<b>4</b> -6	-4
	<ul><li>7 and above</li></ul>	-6

Type Weight

Summative (Tests) 40%

Quizzes/Projects 30%

Classwork 20%

Homework/Formative 10%

### **Discipline Procedures:**

1st Offense: Conference with student

2<sup>nd</sup> Offense: Conference with student and contact parent/guardian

3<sup>rd</sup> Offense: Referral to the office and administration involvement

\*Please note that if there is a serious offense in the classroom (ex. Fighting) an administrator will be contacted immediately.

## **Class Rules/Expectations:**

- 1. Students are to show respect at all times. Not only to myself but to other students, faculty, staff, administrators and themselves.
- 2. No sleeping in class
- 3. Raise hand and do not speak unless called upon
- 4. NO CELL PHONES
- 5. No food or drink
- 6. Ask permission to leave
- 7. Be in your seat and ready to learn when the bell rings.
- 8. Put effort into everything you do. I am willing to help you as long as I see that you are trying. I will not hold your hand in this class but as long as I can tell you are putting forth the effort I will assist you.
- 9. Students are expected to come into class every day with a willingness to learn the material.
- 10. We will often hold discussions and debates on the material, I expect that any views or ideas are presented in a respectable way and any one with opposing viewpoints to always be respectful.
- 11. Have fun and enjoy the class!
- \* The students are to adhere to the Student Handbook and Student Code of Conduct at all times.