

U.S. HISTORY SYLLABUS

2019-2020

INSTRUCTOR: Mrs. Horn
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TEXTBOOK: The American Vision: Modern Times, McGraw-Hill, 2006

COURSE DESCRIPTION: U.S. History is a two-semester course surveying the history of the United States from immigration and urbanization to the present day. See the BHS Curriculum Guide for credit requirements.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS:

- Students are to bring materials each day.
- Students will complete daily assignments, such as assigned reading and homework, as well as in-class written and oral responses to class curriculum. Students should expect occasional quizzes, tests, notes, writing assignments, and projects.
- Participation in class activities is expected.

GRADING SCALE: Please see the Brighton High School grading scale for specifics.

GRADING POLICY: Grades will be calculated using a point system that is converted to a percentage at the end of each marking period. Tests, homework, projects, etc., are not weighted by category. Grades are determined by the total number of points earned in a marking period divided by the total number of points possible. If a student earns 780 points out of a total of 800, for example, their grade will be 98% ($780/800=97.5$).

HOMEWORK POLICY: All homework must be completed **before entering class** on the day that it is due or it is considered late. If the teacher assigns work to be due during the hour, it must be turned in by the specified time or it will be considered late. Late work (homework, classwork, etc.) will be accepted after the deadline, for up to one week, but only for half credit. If an assignment is turned in more than one week after the deadline, it will be noted as complete in the gradebook, however, the student will not receive any points for it.

MAKE-UP WORK: It is the student's responsibility to find out about any missed work or classroom information. According to the school policy, upon return from an excused absence, students are given one school day for each school day absent to turn in missing assignments. If the absence is excused, students may complete any work that was missed and receive credit. If the absence is unexcused, students will NOT receive credit for the work that was missed. This includes assignments, quizzes, tests,

projects, or anything else that was missed the day of the unexcused absence. Please see the Brighton High School Handbook for clarification.

The agenda and a running list of due dates will be posted on the board daily. Students are welcome to take a picture of both the agenda and the running list of due dates during passing time. There is **no reason** a student should be unable to find out what he or she missed during an absence or when work is due.

EXTRA CREDIT: There are no ready-made extra credit projects or assignments, but as they come up in the quarter, extra credit opportunities are occasionally given to all students. Extra credit points will NOT be factored into the final quarter grade, however, until the teacher can verify that all work is complete for the quarter. Students will need to turn in all missing work and take all missing quizzes and tests, even if they will not earn points on them, in order to be eligible for extra credit points. If the student has ANY missing items in the gradebook, all extra credit points will be forfeited. No extra credit points will be awarded in the two weeks before the end of the quarter. A maximum of ten extra credit points may be earned per quarter. The value of ten extra credit points is roughly one to two homework assignments.

EXTRA HELP: I may be available before school and during 'B' lunch. Let me know if you are thinking of stopping by, so that I can let you know where I will be. I may also be available at other times, given reasonable advance notice. Please email or come see me before any difficulties become overwhelming. I will respond to your email within one business day.

SUGGESTED MATERIALS: Organization is a key to success in school! I highly recommend that students use the following:

- A planner or agenda to keep track of assignments and upcoming tests. Time will be given at the end of each hour for students to update their planners.
- A folder (or dedicated pocket in a shared folder) for class handouts, tests, study guides, etc.
- Lined paper, pens and/or pencils for daily work

CLASSROOM RULES

1. Be on time and prepared for class every day.
2. Treat others, yourself, and our classroom with respect.
3. Listen to the directions and follow them.
4. Do YOUR best and ask lots of questions.
5. While in your U.S. History class, work on U.S. History.

*All other school rules apply. See the BHS Handbook for details.

OTHER HELPFUL INFORMATION

GOOGLE CLASSROOM CODES:

1st Hour: p244xs

3rd Hour: 88hdfs

4th Hour: alqt48

5th Hour: jcs7a3

6th Hour: 5eq65m

I use Google Classroom to post copies of most assignments so that parents and guardians can view them and so that students can access them remotely. Occasionally, assignments are submitted online, but most are submitted in the physical classroom.

REMIND.COM CODE: bhsmrshorn

A few classroom announcements are sent out using the Remind app.

STUDENTS: Please complete the following form with a parent or guardian and return it no later than Thursday, August 29, 2019.

We have reviewed Mrs. Horn's syllabus and classroom rules and understand the academic and behavioral requirements.

STUDENT'S NAME (PRINTED)

HOUR

STUDENT'S SIGNATURE

DATE

PARENT'S/GUARDIAN'S SIGNATURE

DATE