

# Junior High American History

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### Goals of course:

1. To understand intellectual histories of American history.
2. To understand the process of acquiring information through a variety of medias.
3. To analyze various historical documents
4. To create projects, utilizing primary and secondary sources pertaining to American history.

**Required software:** *Compass Learning*

### Course requirements:

Five (5) Projects	100 pts each
Tests/Exams (19)	20 to 30 pts each
Quizzes (approx. 62)	10 pts each
Participation	10 pts per day

### Please note:

1. There will be no extension unless the student has made arrangements a week ahead of time.  
*\*See Policies*
2. Extra credit will be available throughout the year. The *Schedule of Topics & Assignments* indicates the allotted time for each unit; therefore, if a student finishes a unit before the deadline, extra 2 points per day. However, the passing grade for all assessments must be 80% ≤.

### Course policies:

- 1) This is a course about the history of America. We will be examining political ideas and ideologies in an academic and secular setting, and as material open to questioning, examination, and interpretation, not moral judgment. An open mind and a willingness to examine new ideas and different perspectives on America is essential. This class is not a forum for expression of personal ideology. Statements of personal ideology convictions, especially at the expense of others' interpretations or opinions, will not be tolerated.
- 2) *Plagiarism* – the presentation of others' work as your own – is an offense punishable according to Willow Creek Handbook. All work submitted in this class must be your own, and all references to ideas from books, articles, or other sources must be cited correctly. If you do not know how to properly reference your work, or you are in doubt whether or not you should cite material, refer to the [www.mrmsclasses.com](http://www.mrmsclasses.com) under writing sources. **Anyone found guilty of plagiarism, cheating, forgery, falsification, of another form of academic dishonesty will fail the assignment (resulting in a zero) and the incident will be reported to the Principal.**

## Topics:

Unit 1: *Introduction to Social Science*

Unit 2: *The New World*

Unit 3: *Exploration & Colonization*

Unit 4: *English North America*

Unit 5: *Independence and Republic*

Unit 6: *Confederation & Constitution*

Unit 7: *The New Republic*

Unit 8: *Expansion & Conflict*

Unit 9: *American Life, 1815 - 1860*

Unit 10: *Expansion & Manifest Destiny*

Unit 11: *The Civil War Era, 1857 - 1865*

Unit 12: *Reconstruction, 1865 - 1877*

Unit 13: *The Gilded Age, 1865 - 1900*

Unit 14: *Modern U.S., 1890 - 1920*

Unit 15: *Post-War U.S., 1918 - 1940*

Unit 16: *World War II, 1940 - 1945*

Unit 17: *Post-War U.S., 1945 - 1960*

Unit 18: *American Evolution, 1945 - 1980*

Unit 19: *U.S.: World Power, 1980 - 2007*

## Grades: (%)

A = 93 to 100

A- = 90 to 92.9

B+ = 89.9 to 87

B = 86.9 to 83

B- = 82.9 to 80

C+ = 79.9 to 77

C = 76.9 to 73

C- = 72.9 to 70

D+ = 69.9 to 67

D = 66.9 to 63

D- = 62.9 to 60

F = 60 >

I have an 'open door policy.' Please feel free to contact me with any concerns at the email indicated at the beginning of the syllabus. I look forward to this year and hope you are ready to expand your horizon of knowledge.

“My fellow Americans, ask not what your country can do for you, ask what you can do for your country.” - John F. Kennedy

