History of the Americas

Course Description

Scholars in IB History of the Americas will study history by engaging with it through the analysis of primary sources as well as secondary sources including the work of other historians. The goal of IB History of the Americas is not to memorize historical “facts” but instead to pose questions and analyze events as a historian would. Scholars will be challenged to understand the relative nature of our knowledge of history and be able to tolerate uncertainty. Through the study of various topics in depth over time, scholars will come to appreciate how the history of the Americas is interdependent with the history of the world. Additionally they will come to see how historical interpretation can lead to an understanding of the various peoples of the world, their culture, current events, and history’s impact on our shared global future.

Fee

An $98 fee must be paid in order to take the AP US History exam.

Required Materials- Each of the following items must be brought to class each day.

1. Notebook for completing bell ringer activities and notes.
2. Pen and/or pencil

Grading System-Students will earn a grade based on their performance in the following categories.

a. Participation (20%)-Participation includes being attentive during lectures, taking notes, completing bell ringer activities, contributing to discussions, bringing book to class and following directions. Students will learn to take notes in an organized and useful format, aligned with a common Social Studies Department format.

b. Quizzes (10%) - Quizzes will be given on reading assignments and lectures assigned in class.

c. Assignments (40%) – Assignments will be given on a daily basis, which should be completed in class unless given as homework. Review sessions will be mandatory for all students in the spring as preparation for the AP test even if the student is not taking the test.

d. Tests/Essays (30%) - There will be a test and essay will be assigned at the end of each unit completed in class.

Grading Scale

A=93% or higher       B- =80-82.9%       D+ = 67-69.9%
A-=90-92.9%           C+ = 77-79.9%       D = 63-66.9%
B+ =87-89.9%          C = 73-76.9%        D- = 60-62.9%
B =83-86.9%           C- =70-72.9%        F = 59.9% or lower
Late Work

a. Participation- Notebooks will be checked at the end of every unit. No notebooks will be accepted after a unit has been completed.
b. Quizzes- Students have two class periods to make up quizzes they missed. Quizzes can only be made up before school or during APP time. I will drop the lowest quiz score each quarter. Any missing quizzes will be dropped first.
c. Assignments- Assignments will not be accepted after a unit assessment has been given.
d. Tests/Essays- Any student who misses a test/essay has one week to make up the exam. Tests/Essays can only be made up before school or during APP time. If the teacher deems a retake is necessary for a test, it will be available to all students. Retakes will be considered on a unit by unit basis.

Attendance Policy

The Hillcrest High School attendance policy will be followed and enforced.


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<th>Students with No NG’s:</th>
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<td>- May purchase a parking permit to park on campus</td>
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At Hillcrest High School, we recognize the importance of daily class attendance and participation. Interactions with teachers and classmates on a regular basis are critical to the learning process. **Even missing just 2 classes per quarter is missing 10% of your time in that class!** The HHS attendance policy is designed to hold students, parents, and teachers accountable for classroom instructional time.

At Hillcrest High, a student’s absences (A, W, and G coded) and tardies (T coded) will be added together. If a student accumulates a total of 5 or more (absences + tardies) and does not attend make up, the student will receive no credit (NG) for that class. Each class will be evaluated independently. Parents should notify the attendance office of any absence within 48 hours.

Excused Absences (those documented by a doctor’s note, funeral program, wedding program, etc. and E coded) and School Excused Absences (N coded) do not count in attendance totals.
On the 5th violation (tardy or absence) and any subsequent absence or tardy within the quarter, students must attend student support time with the teacher who recorded the attendance violation in order to receive credit for the class for that quarter.

NG’s from all previous quarters may be made up with a Green Card available in both the Attendance Office and the Counseling Center.

Academic Dishonesty

The Hillcrest High School academic dishonesty policy found in the student handbook will be followed and enforced.

Classroom Rules

- No cell phones, ipods, ipads, laptops or other electronic devices are allowed in class.
  - These items create distractions in the learning environment and will be confiscated by the teacher.
- No food or drink is allowed in class other than water bottles with a sealable lid.
- Show respect to the school, the teacher, and the students in the class
  - All rules boil down to this one rule. Show respect for the school by taking care of the facilities, classrooms, and all materials within it. Show respect for the teacher by being on-time, prepared, and by following directions. Show respect for the students by allowing them to learn in a positive and safe environment. Be safe, be respectful, and be responsible.

School Rules

- Huskies always remove hats and follow the dress code.
- Huskies always eat lunch in designated areas and keep halls and restrooms clean.
- Huskies always attend class on time, all the time, and never sluff.
- Huskies always show respect to and expect respect from all adults.

Consequences

- Verbal Warnings- Each student will be given a verbal warning on the first and second minor offense during a class period. “Please stop talking while your classmate is talking” is an example.
- Parent Contact- If a student does not adjust their behavior after verbal warnings; the teacher will make contact with the parent/guardian discussing behavior.
- ANY MAJOR OFFENSE WILL RESULT IN IMMEDIATE DISMISSAL FROM CLASS, STUDENT WILL BE SENT TO THE OFFICE, AND PARENT/GUARDIAN WILL BE NOTIFIED.
Getting Help

(APP) Academic Preparation Period is the means students will make up tests, get extra help, review school rules, listen to announcements, and attend specified study halls. APP will take place every day after the first period of the day.

The best time to get help is not after you fall behind, but before you fall behind! Any student who needs individual help with anything can come in during Teacher/Student Conference hour. Teachers can be available every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 7:00 AM- 7:50 AM by appointment. Students will be able to make up tests, assignments and work on any homework they may have.

By signing this paper, you are confirming that you have read and understand the disclosure. If you have any questions please email me at mark.rasmussen@canyonsdistrict.org

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Teacher Signature                                      Date

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Student Name                                           Period

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Parent Name                                            Contact #

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