US History

Welcome to US History. The study of history helps us as citizens to be aware of our past by examining decisions and events that shaped our nation. By closely exploring these people and events we not only learn about our past but shape our future. This year we will be focusing on Post-Reconstruction (1876 – present day).

Materials:
1. Pen/Pencil
2. Notebook specifically for notes

Classroom Rules:
1. Be respectful to other students, the teacher, and their possessions
2. Be prepared to learn everyday (bring your supplies)
3. No electronic devices (cell phones, laptops, iPads, etc.) unless otherwise directed
4. Follow all school rules and procedures, including:
   - Remove your hat and follow the dress code
   - Eat lunch in designated areas and keep halls, classrooms, and restrooms clean
   - Attend class on time, all the time, and never sluff.
   - 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.
- Students will be put on a contract with the teacher. Failure to comply with the contract will result in consequences like lunch detention.
- 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.

Grading:
The final grade for the class will be determined by assessments (tests/quizzes) and a variety of assignments. Assessments will add up to 70% of your grade with assignments being 30%. Note taking: Students will learn to take notes in an organized and useful layout, aligned with a common Social Studies Department format. You will need a notebook specifically for notetaking. This will greatly increase the understanding and preparation in order to be successful on quizzes, tests, and essays.

Grade Scale:

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Assessments = 70% of grade
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Late Work:
Students will be required to complete a variety of assessments/assignments, both in class and at home. Points for assessments/assignments will be subject to completeness and quality. It is vital for the student to succeed that he/she finish and turn in assigned work on time. All work will be accepted until the Unit test. After the unit test **No** late work will be accepted. Students must wait **ONE** week after taking the test in addition to completing a retake assignment before being allowed to retake test. They will have **ONE** week to complete the retake.

APP Period:
This year we have created a time during the school day for students who need help or need to make up missing work. The APP (Academic Prep Period) will be after 1st and 5th period every day. If you need to see me during your APP period, go through the process to come see me. APP is the perfect opportunity to get extra help, finish assignments, and retake tests. Before/after school tutoring will be available by appointment only.

Attendance Policy:
The Hillcrest High School attendance policy found in the student handbook will be followed and enforced. Absences and tardy for the current term in my class can be made-up before and after school and not during APP. Please make sure to bring classroom work with you.

Contacting me:
The most effective way of contacting me is by emailing me through the address given. I will respond promptly within 24 hours. Email: dave.richardson@canyonsdistrict.org

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

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

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Student Name                                      Period

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Student Signature                                 Date

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Parent Name                                       Contact #

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