



United States History 11

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Welcome to United States History 11

The focus of our studies this year is on Modern American History. We will be starting in the early 20th century during the Progressive Era and pushing through as much history as possible. Each project will have an emphasis on the “old” and the “new.” We will not just be discussing the past, but relating it to the modern world and having discussions centered about how the past informs us today and motivates our decisions today.

Turnitin.com Login Information

Period 2/4 – Class ID 15987904 & Password = barclay

Period 5/7 – Class ID 15987909 & Password = barclay

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Coursework

Semester 1

Career Path Project (3 weeks)

Muckraking (5 weeks)

The Great Depression (5 weeks)

The Great Escape (2 weeks)

The classroom will be a mixture of the following during the year

- Lecture/Quizzes
- Document Based Questions (DBQs)
- Projects

Classroom Expectations

It is my preference to focus on the literature and the work we are doing, so I ask that you come to class each day prepared to contribute positively to the classroom environment. My rules for the classroom are simple:

- ★ **Be present.** This means being not only physically present, but also mentally focused on class conversation and involved in discussions and activities.
- ★ **Be responsible.** Be aware of class rules and routines. Come to class on time each day with your assignments completed and ready to participate as a valuable member of the class.
- ★ **Be respectful.** Treat your classmates with courtesy and kindness. Recognize that you are in a school setting and understand the behavior that is appropriate for this environment.

Course Materials

You will not need any specific course materials. I would advise using a folder/binder to hold reading assignments and papers that are crucial to projects, quizzes, and DBQs.

Late Work

Late work will receive a 0 for Habits of Mind and will not have the opportunity for revision. You will have 7 days from when the assignment is passed back for any revisions for evidence in your mastery column. After 7 days, late work will not be accepted at all. In order to be eligible for revisions you must have first turned in some evidence. If you do not turn in any work, you will not be eligible for revisions.

Technological Devices

Cell phones, iPods, and other similar technological devices will not be permitted during class time. There may be times during class when it will be appropriate to have such devices out, which I will specify. Otherwise, it will be confiscated, and your parent will need to pick it up from me at a later time.

Food & Drink

Drinks are allowed during class time as long as they are manageable and easy to maintain without disturbing others. All other food or drinks belong outside of the classroom.

Backpacks/Bags

Bags, backpacks, and extraneous items are not permitted on desks during class time. Only items pertaining to the work at hand will be allowed on desks; everything else must be placed on the floor and out of the way.

Outside Work

No outside work is allowed during class time unless you receive express permission from the teacher.

Grading

Your grade in this course will be determined through Da Vinci's Design Based Grading.

80% of your grade will be based on the following Essential Skills for History 11:

- Essential Skill # 1 – Analysis – 35%
- Essential Skill # 2 – Content – 25%
- Essential Skill # 3 – Geography – 10%
- Essential Skill # 4 – Presentation Skills – 10%

20% of your grade will be based on Da Vinci Design's Habits of Mind:

Accountability - In-Class Participation/Homework/Deadlines; Turning in your work on time!

All assignments will be graded in accordance with Da Vinci Design's 1-4 point system.

Points	Meaning	Letter Grade Equivalent
0.0	No evidence. Mark as Missing in the grade book.	I
1.0	Evidence demonstrates partial understanding.	I
2.0	Evidence demonstrates basic understanding.	C
3.0	Evidence demonstrates understanding.	B
4.0	Evidence demonstrates detailed understanding.	A
5.0	Evidence demonstrates detailed understanding and connections that go beyond the scope of teacher instruction.	A+; Honors

Academic Integrity

Cheating or plagiarism of any kind will not be tolerated. If you are found guilty of either, you will receive a zero on the assignment in question with no opportunity to make it up; a call home will also be placed.

Absences/ Make-up Work

If you are absent from class, it is your responsibility to come talk to me about assignments that you missed. I will not be chasing you down to replace a zero for any incomplete work. Whenever you are absent, you are still responsible for finding out what you missed and being prepared for class the day you return to school, such as making sure you are caught up on reading assignments. Always check my DP, Project Calendar, or other students for information you missed. However, because most of our work is Project-Based, attendance is crucial for success.

Contacting Me

If you ever have any questions, comments, or concerns, you can email me or schedule a time to meet with me. **Email** is the best way of communication.

However, I will not respond or address emails that are into excessive hours into the night nor address emails that are not professionally formatted.