

United States History and Government
Mr. Fezer and Miss Fretthold
Room 210
2019 – 2020

Dear Parent(s)/Guardians(s) and Student,

Welcome to United States History and Government! We are looking forward to a productive and successful year together! Please read the following syllabus together, sign, and return to class. Feel free to contact us with any questions or concerns.

Course Overview

Throughout the school year, we will be looking at many interesting topics about the development of the United States. Such topics include the Colonial Era, early struggles as a young nation, the Constitution, the American Revolution, the Civil War, World Wars I & II, the Cold War, and current events. This course culminates with the United States History and Government Regents Examination. In order to graduate, it is required that you successfully pass not only the course, but this exam as well. As such, it is critical for students to stay focused on achieving these goals throughout the school year.

In order to prepare you for success, you will be participating in a variety of instructional activities this year. These activities include, but are not limited to, the following: class discussions of readings, group work, poster art creations, and discussions of historical images and videos. Our focus for this year will be on developing your ability to analyze and interpret historical events and content. It is important for you to continuously work on this skill in order to prepare you for your Regents Exam in June. During this school year, we will provide you with the knowledge and skills necessary to explain the significance of important events and figures by examining a variety of different historical events and arguments.

Homework and Behavioral Expectations

Homework will be assigned when appropriate. These assignments will include readings, short answer questions, multiple choice questions, and essays. Homework that is one day late will receive half credit. Homework will not be accepted thereafter. Students are expected to behave appropriately at all times. When participating in class discussions, students are expected to be respectful of the thoughts and ideas of their peers. Inappropriate behavior will be subject to the disciplinary consequences listed in the NTHS Student Handbook.

Required Supplies

You will be required to come prepared to class with the following supplies each day:

- ❖ One 2 inch binder
- ❖ 5 tab dividers (Notes, Homework, Tests, Quizzes, Review)
- ❖ One spiral notebook (to be kept in your binder)
- ❖ Lined paper
- ❖ Blue or black pens
- ❖ Pencils
- ❖ Highlighters

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