***APUSH Syllabus***

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***Course Description:***

Advanced Placement AP US History is a rigorous course that is equivalent to freshman level college US History courses. It is a 2 semester survey of American History from the time of Exploration up until present times. It is necessary to learn to be a strong reader and writer to excel in this course, as well as devote a lot of time to study and reading. It will be imperative that you read outside of class or it will be extremely difficult to get high scores on most exams and writings. During this class, you will learn how to interpret primary and secondary sources, as well as examine alternate views of history by past and present historians. You will also be required to take sides on historical topics and events, make a strong argument, then support your argument

**Required Materials:**

-Pen (black or blue)

-Multiple Highlighters

-3 ring binder (2 inch)

-Loose leaf paper

-Laptop

***Expectations***

* Learners are to come to class prepared and organized ready to work at all class meetings. Learners are to be on time, and conduct themselves in a manner worthy of the adults that they are becoming. Learners are responsible for their learning, and are held responsible not only for learning that is to be done in class, but also for learning required out of the classroom setting.

**Text sets:**

-American Pageant Text

-Preparing for the Advanced Placement Examination

-Primary and secondary sources for each time period

***Grading:***

The only scores that will go into your grade are level 3 assignment, (Tests, essays, speeches, research papers, etc…) Study guides, vocab quizzes, most questions on supplementary readings, etc… are study aids to build knowledge leading up to level 3’s.

**Projects:**

-1st quarter: Colonization and the New Country

-2nd Quarter:

Coming of Age, Civil War, Industrialization

-3rd Quarter:

Imperialism, Progressivism, and the 20’s

-4th Quarter:

Depression, World War II, the Cold War and Modern Times

***LT Scores:***

***To earn a level 4 MT score***: Learners must have the following:

* Project/Presentation completed **on time** and scored at a 4 ***AND…***
  + Level 3 or higher on EOT and a minimum of a level 3 on two written assignments
* ***Note: Scoring a level 4 on a project does not automatically give you a 4 on the MT, you must show proficiency on at least 3 pieces of evidence for each LT. NO late projects will be graded at a level 4.***
* ***No level 4’s will be given until the completion of the two research projects.***

***To earn a 3.5 MT score:***

* Project completed **on time** and received a minimum score of a 4 ***and*** a minimum of a 3.5 on EOT, and a minimum of a level 3 on 1 written assignment

***To earn a level 3 MT score*:**

* Learners must have at minimum 3 pieces of evidence per LT scored at a level 3 (**Including the Project**) or 2 written level 3’s and a minimum of a 2.5 on the EOT

***Life Skills scores:***

***Level 4:***

* Learners have all work done well and ***turned in on time***. **Multiple late assignments will disqualify you from a life skills grade of a 4.**
* Learners will be in class a majority of the time, rarely absent, or if absent, work is made up by date given by the LF
* Learner is going faster than the teacher pace.
* Learner has no discipline problems in class.

***Level 3:***

* Learner is on teacher pace, with majority of work ***turned in on time. Must have over 75% of work on time***
* Learner is rarely absent, and when they do miss **work is turned in on date given by LF**.
* Little to no behavioral problems

***Level 2:***

* Learner is one MT behind pace of the teacher
* Less than 75% of evidence is on time.
* Learner may miss a number of class periods and **does not turn in make-up work in a timely fashion**

***Research Projects:***

There are two ***mandatory*** projects for each semester that cover the material studied up to that point.

* If the project is not to the desired score, learners have ***One Week*** ***to re-submit***, or the grade is final.
* ***If the project is not done and turned in at the due date, the project will not be accepted.***
* **By missing the due date, the learner also *forfeits the opportunity for a level 4* for on the specified learning targets *and life skills grade for this MT may change to a 2 or lower.***