

# Mrs McLin's US History

## Classroom Info

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**Description:** The emphasis in this course will be to look at US History through a variety of themes and perspectives. We will look at the political, economic, and cultural development of the United States with a focus on the forces that caused the United States to change and grow. This will be a course that will require input from everyone as we move through US History. Learning activities include reading, research, composition, reflection, & oral presentation, in both individual &

collaborative modes. This is a rigorous course that requires students to study outside of class to be successful. This course is a requirement for high school graduation.

## OVERVIEW OF COURSE WORK:

All work is graded on a point system. Classwork is roughly 50% of the overall grade, with approximately 50% for tests. (The Final is worth roughly 20% of the semester grade). Grades are determined by dividing the total number of points you have achieved by the total number of points possible. Grades will be determined on a cumulative basis for the entire semester.

## PARTICIPATION POINTS:

Students receive 3 participation points each day. These points are worth roughly one grade. Points will be deducted for non-academic behavior such as low levels of participation, excessive chatting, 'phone use, eating, tardiness, profanity, classroom disruption or insubordination.

## ATTENDANCE

- A. **Truants** – unable to make-up work assigned on that day.
- B. **Tardies** – lose that day's participation points. Excessive tardies will result in after school detention; failing to attend detention will result in a zero for that day's work.

## MAKE UP POLICY and LATE WORK:

### Classwork

Late work (not excused absence) may be turned in for 50% credit within a week (3 classes) of the due date. Students must come to me to request submission for work more than one week late and **must have a valid reason** for being so late. **No late work will be accepted after a grading period has passed.**

### Chapter & Unit Tests

Students must take a test within 2 classes of coming back to class. Half credit will be awarded for tests made up more than 2 classes after coming back to class.

## Class Materials

- 5-subject notebook with pockets, college-ruled
- Pencils & pens
- Colored pencils
- Highlighters

Be prepared!

Grading Scale

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100%-90%	A
89%-80%	B
79%-70%	C
69%-60%	D
59% and below	F

### Grade Percentages

Classwork/Homework	30%
Tests and Quizzes	25%
Classroom Projects	25%
Midterm/Final Exam	10%
Participation	10%
Semester Points	100%