

US History 1 & 2

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Instructor Information:

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Course Description:

This course offers a comprehensive survey of American cultural, social and political development with a focus on modern history from the turn of the 20th century to the present." A variety of teaching methods will be used to insure student progress in obtaining a basic knowledge of our country's history.

Course Materials:

- You will only need one binder that is at least 1 inches thick. (If you choose to have an A day or B day binder for multiple classes, it should be at least 3 inches.)
- You will also need all general school supplies (*pencils*, blue/black ink pens, college ruled lined paper (loose leaf, etc.)

Student Learning Objectives:

Objectives to be learned:

- To assist students in acquiring the knowledge and skills in the Nevada State and Washoe County standards;
- To help instill a love and appreciation of learning;
- To encourage academic growth and personal responsibility;
- To promote active and informed citizenship.

Grading Criteria, Scale, and Standards:

DRHS/WCSD grading scale:

A: 90% - 100%

B: 80% - 89.9%

C: 70% - 79.9%

D: 60% - 69.9%

F: <59.9%

Weighted Grading Scale

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| • Exams/Tests/Quizzes | 30% |
| • Writing Assignments/ Projects | 20% |
| • In Class Assignments | 20% |
| • Participation | 10% |
| • Final | 20% |

***Participation is accounted for via Brain Food/Bell ringers, exit tickets, Short Discussion Activities, Etc.

Make-Up Work

- Make-up work is defined as scheduled tests, scheduled quizzes, homework assigned on the day the student was absent, and/or a description of the topic(s) covered in class while the student was absent and possible resources where the student can obtain information on the topic(s).
- It is the responsibility of the student to acquire make-up work after returning from an absence and return the completed work within the designated deadline. (SEE MISSING ASSIGNMENT NOTEBOOK)
- Students are provided the length of the absence plus one day to complete any make-up work assigned. For example, if the student was absent for four days he/she will have five days to complete and submit the make-up work.
- Students who do not request or return completed make-up do **NOT** earn credit on missed assignments.
- Previously assigned work that was due on the day the student was absent is **NOT** considered makeup work and is due the day the student returns to school.

Late Work

Late work will be accepted until the day of the unit exam for 70%. All assignments handed in after the unit exam will be worth 50% of the grade.

Grade Boosts

Teacher will consider bumping an academic grade only if the student has zero missing assignments, tests, quizzes, etc. and zero unexcused absences.

Classroom Rules/Procedures:**Classroom Rules**

Respect everyone and everything

Everyone must participate

Always come prepared to learn

Never be afraid to fail and always learn from your mistakes

Coming into Class

- I will greet you at the door. Please wait to say hello before entering. (Masks must be on at All times)
- “Swallow your voices.” Always come in silently and take out your US History materials. No other materials are allowed on your desk.
- Sit down in your assigned seat and begin working on your Bellringer or Brain food. You will be marked tardy if you are not working when class begins.
- Copy agenda into your planner.
- No mingling/loitering with friends or at the teacher’s desk. All questions will be answered after class has begun.
- Have homework out and ready to be turned in.

Coming Prepared

- Always bring your US History binder, textbook, pen or pencil, student id, and loose leaf binder paper as well as your pouch with all other supplies.
- Come to class ready to learn and with a positive attitude. 😊
- REMEMBER, YOU ARE IN CLASS, NOT IN A RESTAURANT. ONLY WATER WILL BE ALLOWED IN THE CLASSROOM.

Turning in Work

- *TAKE PRIDE IN ALL ASSIGNMENTS.*
- If the following criteria are not met, your assignment will not be graded, and you will receive late credit for redoing the assignment and turning it in the next day.
 - Work includes proper paper heading.
 - First and Last Name
 - Date
 - Class Title/Period
 - Assignment Title
 - All work is on white paper in blue/black ink or pencil.
 - Paper is free of frayed or torn edges. (no spiral sheets)
 - All work is legibly written or typed. Unclear work will not be graded.

NO Cell Phones or Air pods

- Must remain in your backpack during class. Be Present. See DRHS Student Handbook.

Pass Policy

- No passes will be issued the first or last ten minutes of class. Do not even ask!
- In order to leave class, you must fill out a bathroom/locker pass (in planner), have your school id, and get teacher permission.
- You may not be outside of class for more than three minutes. One student at a time per school policy

Class Participation

- I encourage thoughtful and respectful participation.
- Raise your hand and wait to be called on to speak in class.
- Always respect the opinions and answers of other students.
- In groups, all people should participate.

Fire Drills

- When a drill sounds, please quietly wait for directions from the teacher to leave.
- We will be exiting through the front doors closest to our room.
- You need to walk in a single file line outside to the end of the parking lot and wait for role to be taken. Please do your best to line yourselves up alphabetically outside.
- If a drill occurs during nutrition breaks, please exit in the place you would for your next class and find the teacher for your next class.

Dismissal from Class

- You will remain seated and working quietly until I dismiss you.
- You may NOT pack up your things before this time.
- Push in your chairs and clean up the area around you before leaving.

Consequences: If expectations and procedures are not met...

- 1st Offense – Warning
- 2nd Offense – Teacher/Student Discussion & Call Home
- 3rd Offense – Varies (seat reassignment, lunch detention, call home parent conference, behavior plan, referral to office)

Tentative Course Calendar:

# of Weeks	Title of Unit	Key Topics of Discussion
2-4 Weeks	The Gilded Age- Immigration	Chinese Exclusion Act, Carnegie, Rise of Big Business, Immigration (Choices), etc.
2-4 Weeks	Progressive Era	The Jungle, Political Machines & Voting Reforms, Triangle Shirtwaist, Conservation, Square Deal, etc.
2-4 Weeks	America Claims An Empire/ World War I	Spanish American War (Philippine's), Land Acquisitions, Panama Canal, Causes of World War I, WWI home front.
2-3 Weeks	The Roaring 20's	Prohibition, Women's Suffrage, Scopes Trial , Harlem Renaissance, etc.
2-4 Weeks	The Great Depression (End of 1st Semester)	Causes of the Great Depression, New Deal Policies and their Legacy, Dust Bowl, etc.
2-4 Weeks	World War II	Propaganda, Japanese Internment, WWII Home front, Atomic Bomb creation and justification, etc.
2-4 Weeks	Early Cold War- 1950's – 60's	Origins of the Cold War, Korean War, McCarthyism, Cuban Missile Crisis, Space & Arms Race, etc.
2-4 Weeks	Civil Rights	Brown v. BOE, Bus Boycotts, Black Power, MLK, Malcolm X, Little Rock Nine, Great Society, etc.
2-4 Week	Vietnam & Counter Culture	Causes of Vietnam, Gulf of Tonkin, Anti-War Movement, Impact of War, etc.
2-4 Weeks	Division at Home: 1970's -1980s	Supply-side Economics (Reaganomics), Rise of the Moral Majority, ERA Movement, Star Wars

Damonte Ranch High School/WCSD Policies

Academic Integrity:

Cheating means gaining unfair advantage by using unauthorized information.

Cheating is further defined by but not limited to:

- COPYING someone else's homework, classwork, or test answers
- ALLOWING someone else to copy your work or test answers
- USING any kind of unauthorized device, study aid, or cheat sheet
- POSSESSING or VIEWING a copy of an exam beforehand
- SHARING test information with students who have not yet taken the test or course
 - o This includes taking answers/questions from a test out of the classroom without the permission of the teacher.
- CHANGING your answers or someone else's when correcting in class
- MISREPRESENTING work done by others as your own work.

Plagiarism is presenting the words or ideas of another person as one's own without citing sources.

- YOU ARE PLAGIARIZING when you copy a phrase, a paragraph, a page or an entire paper.
- YOU ARE PLAGIARIZING when you copy from a published source, i.e. Internet or print.
- YOU ARE PLAGIARIZING when you copy from someone else's work.

Minimum consequences for cheating are as follows:

- REFERRAL to Student Services
- PARENT CONTACT by the teacher
- LUNCH DETENTION with Student Services
- NOTATION made in school discipline record

Additional consequences may include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Student will receive a ZERO on the test or homework assignment
- Student will receive an "F" in citizenship for the quarter and depending on the severity of the infraction may receive an "F" in citizenship for the semester
- Alternative assignment, to be determined by the teacher

Be Responsible. Make Wise Choices. If you are unsure, ask your teacher for guidance.

"I have read the Damonte Ranch High School Academic Integrity Policy."

Student Signature

Date

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Please fill in the following information and return by the end of the first week of school. Please make sure you understand all policies. If you have any questions, please email me.

Initials I have read and understand the following...

_____ US History Syllabus

_____ Classroom Procedures

_____ Academic Integrity

Student Name (please print)

Student Signature

Parent Name (please print)

Parent Signature

Contact Information: (Circle your preferred contact number.)

Parent Name:

Parent Name:

Phone:

Phone:

Email:

Email:

If there is any important information about your child that you would like for me to be aware, please write me a short note here.

I welcome you to Damonte Ranch, and I look forward to a productive and inspiring year.

Mr. Alian