

AMERICAN HISTORY I

INSTRUCTOR: Mr. Blake

COURSE DESCRIPTION: This is a survey course that explores American History from our beginnings through the American Civil War. American History I is the required 8th grade level social studies course.

UNITS OF STUDY:

Pre-Contact Native Culture	Manifest Destiny
European Exploration	A Divided Nation
Colonization	The Civil War
The American Revolution	Reconstruction (Possibly)
Forming Our Government	The American West (Possibly)
Expanding Our Nation	

COURSE REQUIREMENTS: The student will be responsible for a variety of activities including: Note-taking, discussion, homework assignments, tests, projects, and current events.

ATTENDENCE: Since academic success is so dependent on student attendance, **ten absences per semester result in the student meeting with the Board of Education.** After two tardies, a detention will be assigned.

GRADING SCALE: Grades are based on a point system. The grading scale is as follows:

A+ 100-99%	C+ 81-79
A 98-94	C 78-74
A- 93-92	C- 73-72
B+ 91-89	D+ 71-69
B 88-84	D 68-64
B- 83-82	D- 63-62

GRADE WEIGHTS:

Tests - 70%
Assignments - 30%

ASSIGNMENTS: Assignments are due at the **beginning** of class.

-Those not turned in on time will receive zero credit. One zero may be dropped at quarter's end.

-All assignments must be completed and turned in, or the student will receive a failing grade for that grading period.

-If a student is absent, it is the **student's** responsibility to ask the teacher for any missed assignments.

-An assignment due, or given, on a day that the student has an unexcused absence will receive a grade of zero.

-Tests should be made up as soon as possible following an absence.

EXTRA CREDIT: Extra credit may occasionally be given as part of a test. These extra credit points will be the only extra credit opportunities offered during the course.

CLASS RULES: Student discipline is also addressed in the Student Handbook.

1. Be on time with the necessary materials – every day!

2. Put forth an honest effort:

Have your daily assignments done on time and somewhere near the best of your ability.

Study enough for tests to get the grade that you want.

Come ready to learn – every day!

Ask questions – participate!

Be on task – use your time wisely.

3. BE RESPECTFUL OF OTHERS.

Follow reasonable requests.

Disrespectful behavior towards anyone will **not** be tolerated.