

U.S. History  
Course outline and projects  
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- I. Movie/book review. Choose movie or book that is US History related.. Write a 2 page review, based on instructor handout. 5% of semester grade..
- II. Notebook. Separate sections in binder for 1. Notes 2. Assignments 3. Tests/quizzes 4. Journal entries- you will be asked periodically to write short entries in response to a question related to history. You will receive grades for all these.
- III. Group assignments. Periodically you will work in random or assigned groups. You will be expected to contribute and function as a member of the group, and will be graded accordingly.
- IV. Other research assignments. You will use your library skills to complete other research assignments on various topics. These will usually require some kind of oral report and/or visual aid.
- V. Video. History lends itself to the use of videos. You will be expected to watch closely and often write or discuss your reaction to what you have seen, or answer questions.
- VI. Homework assignments/daily work/reading. This is the backbone of your learning experience and the basis for a large part of your grade. It gives you the background you need to be successful and understand American history.
- VII. Class discussions. Sometimes graded, sometimes not. All are expected to contribute and follow the rules of good order.
- VIII. Tests and quizzes. 1 per two weeks (approx.), will make up 30-40% of Semester grade.

This is a survey course in U.S. History. We will be covering our nation's story from the very beginning, with the First Americans, and hopefully get up to the present day. There is nothing confusing or difficult about the study of history. It is the story of people and events building on each other to create- us.

Grading scale-      A      90-100  
                              B      80-89  
                              C      70-79  
                              D      60-69  
                              No pass 59 or below

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