



North Fayette Valley High School Course Syllabus
600 North Pine Street West Union, IA 52175

Course Name: American Heritage
Semester/Year: 2016-2017
Classroom: 332

Instructor Info

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Course Description & Objectives: American Heritage is a yearlong course that integrates the study of themes in American literature and history. It portrays the story of American culture by showing how American history and literature are interrelated. Students improve their critical-thinking skills as they determine the underlying assumptions and values of American society within the selected readings and as they understand how literature reflects the society of its time. Students read, discuss, and write regularly as they reflect upon novels, poems, song lyrics, artwork, speeches, etc. Students may take this course for two social studies credits, two language arts credits, or one social studies and one language arts credit.

Required Materials: i-Pad mini (provided), laptop (provided), flashdrive, notebook, pencil/pen, folder

Methods of Assessment: 100% Summative/Performance

Grading Scale and Procedures:

A=94-100%
A-=90-93%
B+=87-89%
B=83-86%
B-=80-82%
C+=77-79%
C=73-76%
C-=70-72%
D+=67-69%
D=63-66%
D-=60-62%
F=0-59%

Grades will be updated & posted on Infinite Campus every Monday morning by 8:00 a.m., unless for a larger summative/performance assessment, which will take longer for us to grade. We will do our best to have grading completed in a timely fashion, with our goal being to have all grades entered within 2-5 days of the due date. If you have not turned in a summative/performance or formative/practice assessment, it will be recorded as missing (M) on Infinite Campus. The "Academic Dishonesty and Cheating" policy laid out in the Student and Parent Handbook will be followed.

Course Schedule: Introduction to Culture
 Revolutionary Ideas
 Immigration Experience
 Civil Rights Journey
 Industrialization & Workers' Rights
 Women's Rights
 WWI & Great Depression
 WWII & Holocaust
 Communism & Cold War
 20th Century Entertainment

Formative/Practice Assessments: Practice/formative assessments (daily work, journaling, classroom activities, etc.) not turned in by the due date will be recorded on Infinite Campus as missing (M). All formative/practice assessments must be completed before the end of each unit and in order to retake or redo performance/summative assessments.

Summative/Performance Assessments: Summative/performance assessments (projects, reports, tests, presentations, etc.) must be completed by the due date. Until you have completed your work in a quality manner, you will receive a missing (M) on Infinite Campus, unless there are extenuating circumstances. If you have an incomplete summative/performance assessment, you will be ineligible for activities. All summative/performance assessments must be completed by the end of the grading period to earn a final grade for the course.

Missing/Make-Up Assignments: Take care of make-up work ahead of time if you know you will be absent. Work needs to be made up within two days of an excused absence. If absent over an extended period of time (2-5 consecutive days), you will have up to five days to complete make-up work. All missing work must be completed by the end of each grading period to earn a final grade for the course.

Second Chance Procedures: If you desire to retake a summative/performance assessment, you must show that you have completed ALL of the formative/practice assessments in a quality manner. KEEP ALL OF YOUR WORK IN A FOLDER OR BINDER! You will also be required to complete additional work related to the theme being studied. The best score will be recorded as your final grade. All retakes need to be completed within TWO weeks of learning scores on the original assessment. You are encouraged to take advantage of the retake opportunity if you score below 70% on the original summative/performance assessment. Only ONE retake is allowed per summative/performance assessment.

Technology Use: Students are expected to be familiar with and follow the rules & policies listed in the student handbook. The Acceptable Use Policy (AUP) must be adhered to at all times. Cell phones are to remain off or on silent mode and put away during class, unless otherwise instructed. You may only use electronic devices for recording purposes if it is for a class assignment. If devices are used inappropriately and/or disrupt the class, they will be confiscated until the end of the school day.

Behavior:

- Be honest and treat everyone with respect.
- Be good communicators. You have two ears and one mouth for a reason, to listen.
- Always put forth 100% effort for quality results.
- Be open-minded by valuing others' opinions.
- Know and follow all rules listed in the student handbook.
- You may have water in class. No other food or beverages are allowed.
- You are expected to be on time and in attendance for the entire class period, bell to bell. Restroom and locker breaks should take place between classes. Students are only allowed to fill out passes for emergencies, not for restroom or drink breaks.
- You are expected to sit in your assigned seat. If you are not in your assigned seat at the start of class, you will be counted absent. If you are not in your assigned seat when the bell rings, you will be counted tardy unless you have an excused pass.

Emergency Procedures: Tornado and fire drill procedures are posted above the classroom door.

