

U.S. History, Disclosure Document 2006-07  
Mr. Olson, Rm 701

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Period: \_\_\_\_\_

Course Description:

US History is the study of the events that led to the founding of this nation and its historical development. Topics such as the discovery and settlement, founding of our government, Civil War, and events of the 20<sup>th</sup> century will be the focus of our study. Particular emphasis will be placed on the 20<sup>th</sup> century history where we will look at World War I, World War II, and the Cold War.

Course Objectives:

- 1) Relate the basic facts and events of US history and Be able form sound opinions dealing with events and issues in US History.
- 2) Gain an appreciation for our nation, its founding principles, the sacrifice of its great statesmen and leaders, and develop the attitude and knowledge that make good productive citizens.
- 3) Develop study skills: Effective reading; clear writing; Exam taking skills; good study habits.

Course Requirements:

**Attendance**

Attendance is crucial, you cannot succeed without consistent attendance. Since the school-wide attendance policy will be followed all absences will need to be excused through the office within one week or a NC (no credit) will be given for the class (The attendance policy can be viewed on the Timpanogos main web page at [Timpanogos.alpinedistrict.org](http://Timpanogos.alpinedistrict.org) or obtain a copy from the assignments table). Truancy (skipping class for no good reason) is unacceptable and work cannot be made up. However, as a reward, If you are very close to 100% attendance and are 1% off the next grade level, I will bump your grade up; for instance a 93%(A-) to a 94%(A).

**Folder**

You must have a lose leaf folder specifically for this class. You will want to keep class notes, returned assignments, handouts and other important papers in this folder. Bring this to class everyday. Folders will be checked periodically for a grade.

**Homework/ Late work**

You will have some kind of homework assigned most periods. Doing your homework consistently and in a timely manner may be the single most important factor for your success. Makeup policy for assignments, quizzes, and tests is explained below.

**Exams / Quizzes**

Exams are the single most important type of score you get in the course. The key to success is preparation. Almost all reading blocs will have a quiz and each unit will have an exam.

**Internet Access**

It is essential that you get internet access here at the school. Some assignment can't be done with out it. Find time to go into the media center to get this done.

**Grading Policy**

We take seriously the admonition that students should achieve mastery of the subject and feel that a "D" does not demonstrate this mastery. HENCE, NO "D" GRADES ARE GIVEN. Students must achieve a 70% to pass the course. A 69% is failing.

However, any student who receives a 60-69% one term and then shows improvement with an 85% or higher the next quarter will receive a passing grade for the previous term.

**Grade Scale**

100%-94% = A, 93-90% = A-, 89-84% = B, 83-80% = B-, 79-74% = C, 73-70% = C-, 69-0% = F

Rules / General Expectations:

- Come to class prepared (folder with paper, text, pen)
- Cell phones, ipods, headphones, etc. are not allowed and must stay in your book bag. First offense = warning; Second = confiscation of said device
- Dress code will be enforced ( Any unnatural piercings, hair styles or colors, clothing with obscenity, drug symbols, or suggestive styles will **NOT** be allowed)
- Be respectful in class. Pay attention when teacher is talking or another student is making a comment
- Never leave class without permission, remain at your desk until the bell rings.
- **Never copy work. You may share information only when given specific permission** (Copying will result in no credit for both students)

### Makeup Policy

- No makeup work is allowed for un-excused absences
- You have the responsibility to check what work was missed the day immediately following your absence. You will be required to turn in assignments or take quizzes on the day you return, unless you have been specifically excused by the teacher. (Use the **Log Book** on the assignments table to find out what happened in class the day you missed.
- You are allowed to turn in late work for PARTIAL CREDIT (50%), but the work must be turned in no later than the day of the exam for that unit. Once the exam is given, absolutely no work will be excepted.
- Additionally, if you are present when the assignment is given but absent the day it is due, it will be marked as late unless specifically arranged with the teacher. In other words, find a way to get the assignment to class or get excused by the teacher.
- **YOU MUST COMPLETE THE MAKEUP QUIZZES AND TESTS WITHIN ONE WEEK OR NO CREDIT WILL BE GIVEN. Makeup is in the Testing Center Rm 141 (North end of the 100 hall). You must have your student ID.**
- To be fair and objective with all students, makeup quizzes and exams will be somewhat more difficult and no bonus or extra credit questions will be given.

#### **(Note to Seniors...**

I do not offer individual extra credit. This is important to you because it means that I do not give assignments just for purposes of passing and therefore graduation. I want the grades to reflect your work and what you know in an objective manner. Please do not ask me what you can do to pass. Also, the make up policy above will be adhered to; so you need to understand the consequences of not completing your work or not studying. Of course, there are extreme circumstances, and I am more than willing to work with students in these situations. But to fair, I cannot make exceptions for the grading policy unless the circumstances are unusual.)

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Parents and Students, **please sign the cover sheet...**

(Students, keep this disclosure document in your folders and turn in the signed cover sheet for 10 points)

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I have read and acknowledge the policies and rules  
for this class:

Student (PRINT) \_\_\_\_\_

Student \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parent(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_