

Early College High School
Social Studies Dept.
US History
Semester 1

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Course Requirement/Syllabus Addendum

Course Description:

This course is a survey of the cultural, political, and social developments in the United States of America into the Reconstruction Era. These developments include wars, changes to the Constitution and government process, and major social and cultural movements. This course will build off of students' incoming knowledge of geography and American culture, as well as their understanding of historical concepts from previous courses. Throughout the year, students will be exposed to, and will need to analyze and evaluate, various primary sources from the eras and issues we cover.

Materials needed:

#2 pencils
Pens-blue or black ink
Highlighters in the color of your choice
1 inch three-ring binder
Loose-leaf paper (wide or college ruled)
Kleenex

Reliable internet access; ECHS can provide a Chromebook and/or a MiFi for connectivity.

Grading Policy:

Exams - 50% (expect 3 standard exams and 1 essay exam in the semester)
Book Analysis 1 - 15%
Book Analysis 2 - 15%
Daily work, homework, and quizzes - 20%

Late Assignment Policy:

Per LIT rules, the instructor determines the policy on late assignments. With that in mind, if a student does not turn in any assignment by the date and time it is due, they will have 24 hours to turn it in for up to 80 points. If they miss this deadline, they will have 24 hours to turn it in for up to 60 points. They then have a further 24 hours to make a 40. After this, this assignment will be worth 0 points and will not be accepted. When I report your grades through Starfish (that's what they call the LIT alert system) I will note the number of assignments you have not turned in, so your family teachers will be aware.

Makeup Assignments and Exams:

Students who are absent will have the number of days absent plus one day to complete makeup work. Times to make up in-person exams must be set with me; exams will not be made up during class time, Family time, or Club time.

Important dates:

Exam 1 (Essay Exam) - September 12

Exam 2 - September 26

Pocahontas Book Assignment - October 3

Exam 3 - October 31

Celia Book Assignment (Common Assignment) - November 14

Final Exam - December 6 and 7

The above dates are subject to change, with notice ahead of time. Due dates will only ever be moved to a later date, never earlier.

Reteach/Retest:

I will reteach concepts based on data from exams and assignments, when I see it beneficial to the majority of the students in class. Tutorials are available to students based on the tutorial schedule, though I am not one of the tutors. I can stay for a short period for students on request. Per LIT rules, retesting is not required of instructors. With that in mind, students will not be given the opportunity to alter their grade through retesting or test corrections. Grades on exams and book assignments are final.

Cheating/Plagiarism/Academic dishonesty:

Cheating and Plagiarism will not be tolerated. Any student caught cheating or plagiarising on an exam will receive a zero for that exam. Any student plagiarizing a book assignment will receive a zero for that book assignment. The student's parents will be notified, and a discipline referral will be sent to Ms. Pharis to document the incident of cheating or plagiarism.

Extra Credit:

No extra credit will be offered in this course. I have two reasons for this policy: I do not want to see students blowing off their actual assignments with the assumption that they can bump their grade back up later with extra credit. Furthermore, I do not want a situation to arise where students are receiving credit for something completely unrelated to the coursework (an issue I frequently witnessed throughout my own time in high school and college).

Textbook and Supplementary Readings:

This class does not have a textbook. The two novels required are *Pocahontas and the Powhatan Dilemma*, and *Celia, a Slave*. You need to go to the library and request them. Primary source material that supplements the topics being discussed in class will be provided for you to analyse or evaluate.

General Rules (for face-to-face learning):

Be in class on time, with the materials expected of you.

Keep your hands, feet, and objects to yourself.

Treat your classmates with respect - mocking other students, referring to people with slurs, and gossiping about students not in the room will not be tolerated.

Keep the classroom clean - gum is allowed to be in two places: Your mouth, and the trash can.

Any other rubbish you make during class needs to be in the trash can by the time you leave.

Otherwise, expect that all district and campus rules will be enforced in this class.

Zoom Etiquette:

When on a Zoom meeting with Ms. Simon and the HIST 1301 class, there are certain rules that you must follow to continue to participate. They are easy to follow and generally apply in all of your classes. They are as follows:

Have your camera on at all times. Have your camera bright enough that you can actually be seen, and actually pointed at you.

Name yourself as your legal first and last name. Nicknames, initials, emojis, or having just your first or just your last name will not be permitted.

Only turn your microphone when specifically given the opportunity to.

Dress appropriately for the meeting. This means you should wear a shirt that actually covers.

Failure to abide by these rules will result in you being removed from the Zoom meeting.

Communicating with Ms. Simon:

My preferred method of contacting parents for major announcements is through email. I check my email multiple times a day, and attempt to respond promptly. I will also post major announcements in Blackboard. I strongly encourage you to check Blackboard more than once a day.

I can be reached by phone during my conference periods.

My MWF conference is 5th period, 1:30 - 2:40.

My TTh conference is 8th period, 1:00 - 2:40.

I can also be contacted through Remind, and I implore you to join it to get reminders on assignments, projects, and exams. This is the best way to contact me on evenings and weekends.

To join my Remind, text @f3h3fbh to 81010.

You can join on a computer using the URL <https://www.remind.com/join/f3h3fbh>