



American History 1

7th grade – Fall 2012

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When: M-F, 10:30-11:15
Textbooks: Deverell, William; White, Deborah Gray (2012). *United States History*. Orlando, Fl.: Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Publishing Company.
 Brooks, Philip. (2011). *King George III: America's Enemy*. Broadway, NY: Scholastic Inc.



DAILY SCHEDULE FOR 7th GRADE AMERICAN HISTORY

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<i>American History</i> Homework assigned or due	<i>American History</i> Various readings and discussion	<i>American History</i> Various readings and discussion	<i>American History</i> Various readings and discussion	<i>American History</i> Homework help, writing, or <i>King George III</i> reading



Class objectives

American History will explore the history of America from its Native American origins to the Civil War era. We will see the geographical, social, political, cultural and economic changes of America from its birth as a new nation to its struggle to maintain its founding principles as a united nation.

American History is a two-part course for seventh and eighth grades. Completion of the first year will include concentration on Native American origins up to the Civil War. The following year will continue with the Reconstruction Era to Postwar America.

We will be studying the following events in American History this year:

- The World before the Opening of the Atlantic
- New Empires in the Americas
- The English Colonies
- The American Revolution
- Launching the Nation
- The Jefferson Era
- The Age of Jackson
- Expanding West
- The Civil War

This class also has a biography to complete from *A Wicked History Series—King George III: America's Enemy*. This book will be read both inside and outside of class and will include a reading guide and project that coincide with the subject matter.



Participation

(10% of your grade)

You are encouraged to participate in classroom discussions, which account for ten (10) percent of the course grade. Listening is always an important skill, but *active* listening is a step beyond this. It requires you to use your ears but also to respond appropriately with questions, comments, and critical thinking. Participation also includes bringing the appropriate materials (for example: textbook, notebook, homework and pen or pencil) to class every day.



Attendance and tardiness

(10% of your grade)

Your attendance and punctuality in class is very important. If you are late for class for any reason, you **must** go to the Administration Office to obtain an Attendance Slip. If you are sick or are absent from class, you parents or guardians **must** contact the Administration Office as soon as possible to inform us of where you are. The office phone number is (+ 34) 93 479 1616, ext. 242 and the e-mail is admin@es-school.com. We will accept notes for excused absences for tennis tournaments, medical appointments, or family emergencies.

1 Unexcused Tardy = one (1) point from your attendance portion of grade

1 Unexcused Absence = two (2) points from your attendance portion of grade

Attendance is ten (10) percent of the course grade, and if you have **five (5)** or more unexcused absences, you will not receive credit for the course.



Folders and Projects

(20% of your grade)

You will be provided with a **red** folder at the beginning of the year. This folder will be for completed work and tests that will remain in class and will later be decorated. It will be your responsibility to keep it organized and up-to-date. At the end of the year, you will take this folder home with you with all of your achievements. You will also have projects during the year. These projects together with your folder account for 20% (twenty) percent of your grade.



Homework

(20% of your grade)

Homework will be assigned on Mondays, and depending on the length of subject content, you will have a deadline to complete and submit your work. Your homework will be in the form of a workbook, drawing diagrams and/or mini projects. Late homework will be penalized a full letter grade for every day late. If you lose any homework, it is your responsibility to recover any lost work. It is not my responsibility to photocopy material a second time.

Please talk to me if you have an upcoming tournament or other excused absence so we can schedule a later date for you to submit your homework. If you have missed homework assignments, you must find out from classmates or myself what we covered in class when you were absent. You need to arrange an appropriate date with me when you can submit your homework. If you missed a test, you also need to schedule another time to retake it.



Tests

(40% of your grade)

There will be scheduled tests in each semester. The combined test results will account for forty (40) percent of each of the final semester grades. Each test will only be for material on the chapter previously covered in class.

Grading Scale

A	94-100	Excellent
A-	90-93	
B+	87-89	
B	84-86	Very Good
B-	80-83	
C+	77-79	
C	74-76	Satisfactory
C-	70-73	Passing—Requires Improvement
D	60-69	
F	59 and below	Fail

Calculating Final Grade Criteria

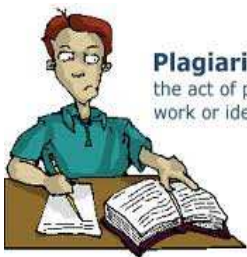
Attendance	10%
Participation	10%
Folders and Projects	20%
Homework/quizzes	20%
Tests	40%
	100%

Use of Electronic Devices

All students at ES International School are **not** permitted to use non-approved electronic devices during class. The use or possession of these devices (radios, iPods, tape recorders, pagers, MP3, or cellular telephones) in the classroom is strictly forbidden. Students who violate this policy will have these devices confiscated.



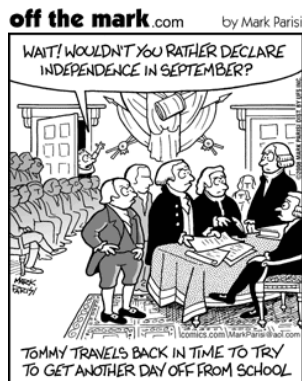
Academic Integrity



Plagiarism:

the act of presenting another's work or ideas as your own.

Any student caught cheating on an examination, or plagiarizing an academic paper or homework will automatically fail the work in question and face disciplinary action. Plagiarism is using another person's writings or ideas as one's own without the appropriate acknowledgement such as quotation marks, a footnote or both. Please be sure to properly cite your sources when writing the research paper. Take pride in your hard work and accept its rewards.



"We should not look back unless it is to derive useful lessons from past errors."

-George Washington

"It is a lesson which all history teaches wise men, to put trust in ideas, and not in circumstances."

-Ralph Waldo Emerson

ELEMIDDLE CHECKLIST

Please have your supplies ready for
Monday, September 10, 2012



- PENCILS**
The more, the better!



- PENS**
Blue or black only—Please no pink or red pens.



- HIGHLIGHTER**
Any color.



- AGENDA**
This is required for ALL students at ES International School.
You only need one for all of your classes.



- NOTEBOOKS**
Preferably with lines or blank for all classes, but only squared paper can be used for mathematics. Each notebook should be a different color related to the Elemiddle House system.

RED: History (optional for Mr. Hendricks)

YELLOW/ORANGE: Language Arts

GREEN: Science

BLUE: Mathematics (squared paper)

BLACK/GREY: Electives



- DICTIONARY**
English *and* your native language dictionaries are acceptable.



- SCIENTIFIC CALCULATOR**
Recommended: a Casio FX-300ES, FX300MSPlus,
or any make or brand with a two (2) line display.



- USB / FLASHDRIVE WITH A MINIMUM OF 2GB**
This is not obligatory to have, but it is highly recommended for your homework and projects.



- PRINTER**
We highly recommend that you purchase a printer for your class work. The school will not print work for you.

