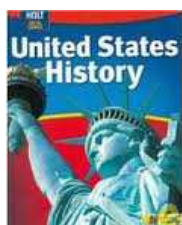




American History 2

8th grade – Fall 2012

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Textbooks: Deverell, William; White, Deborah Gray (2012). *United States History*. Orlando, FL: Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Publishing Company.
 McCollum. (2010). *A Wicked History 20th Century: Joseph Stalin*. Broadway, NY: Scholastic Inc.



DAILY SCHEDULE FOR 8th 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 review activities



Class objectives

American History II will explore the history of the United States from the Reconstruction Era up to Postwar America. The course will show the geographical, social, political, cultural and economic growth of the United States from the Post-Civil War to its rise to becoming a world power. Debates, critical essays, and primary sources will be used to analyze events and theme in further detail. A research paper connected to an event, period, institution, or person from the “Roaring Twenties” will also be developed and completed in the Spring Semester. 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 living in Postwar America.

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

- Reconstruction
- Americans Move West
- The Industrial Age
- Immigrants and Urban Life
- The Progressive Spirit of Reform
- America as a World Power
- World War I
- The Roaring Twenties
- The Great Depression
- World War II
- The Cold War
- The Civil Rights Movement

This class also has a biography to complete from *A Wicked History Series—Joseph Stalin*. 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

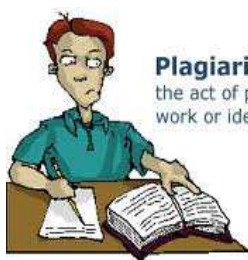
Attendance	10%
Participation	10%
Folders and Projects	20%
Homework/quizzes	20%
Tests	40%
100%	

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.

Spring Research Paper

Each student will be required to select a topic in American History for a five (5) paged research paper to be due in the later part of the spring semester. The research topic will connect to an event, period, institution, or person from the "Roaring Twenties". Additional information regarding style, format and content will be provided in order to submit a proper research paper thesis statement and preliminary bibliography.

"The only thing new in the world is the history you don't know."

-Harry S Truman

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.

