

# **American History (10<sup>th</sup> Grade)**

**Mr. Gadsby**

## **Course Description:**

The American Perspectives describes the history of the American people from the late 1800s to the present. The individuals and groups that have contributed to the development of American culture will be studied. The impact of industrialization and urbanization on individuals and groups of various times in our history will be described. Students will consider the way changes in American life have affected domestic and foreign policies as well as the impact foreign decisions have had on these policies.

**Textbook Used:**     *American Anthem: Reconstruction to the Present*

## **Required Materials:**

1. Students will required to bring: pencil, 3-ring binder with paper
2. At the Conclusion of Every chapter, students will be required to turn in the composition book for each chapter's *Document-Based Investigation* AND *Chapter Review*. Both are found at the end of the Chapter. THIS IS DUE ON THE TEST DAY. IT CANNOT BE TURNED IN LATE!!!

**Additional help:**     Mr. Gadsby or Guidance Department

## **HOMEWORK POLICY**

1. All homework is due the next day including the chapter section. There is no late homework.
2. Should you be absent from school (illness, field trip, sporting event, ect) it is your job to obtain class notes from someone and to turn in any assignments.

## GRADING POLICY

**Chapter Review Assessments and Document-Based Investigation:** This is collected on the day of the test. To gain full points it must be done neatly and formatted properly

**Homework:** most homework involves reading from the textbook with reading guides. It is very important that you keep up on the reading.

**Test:** all tests will come from the textbook reading. Again, it is very important to have the reading assignments done and understood before the tests.

**Written Assignments:** Bell Ringers, Closure

**Map work**

**Projects:** computer, written

**Participation:** You will be graded on how well you participate in class. Each student will receive automatically 45 points at the beginning of each nine weeks. There are many ways to lose those points: you do not ask questions or answer questions when asked in class, participate in group work, volunteer to read out loud in class, behavior in class, forgetting required material, participate in debates, etc... This is a SOCIAL studies class, your involvement is important!!!

## CLASSROOM RULES

1. **Be on time.** As you enter class, go to your seat and get ready. You need to be in your seat when the bell rings
2. **Be prepared for class:** Each day bring your textbook, notebooks, pen or pencil, and homework if due.
3. **Be Responsible.** When you are absent, it is your responsibility to check the absent folder, turn in homework you have missed and ask someone in the room the notes/material you have missed
4. **Be appropriate.** Any inappropriate behaviors as listed in the Student Handbook will not be tolerated. This also includes sleeping in class.
5. **Be polite in class.** When participating in class, please raise your hand. When others are participating, be courteous and listen.
6. **Be Respectful in class.** This would include respect for any person in class, teacher, substitute and other students.
7. **Be organized.** Your notes will be collected and graded. Please write legible and have your material organize to get the maximum points
8. **Be quiet during test time.** On all chapter tests, please be quiet and have something to work on after the test.
9. **Cell Phones**—see school policy in student handbook
  - a. 1st infraction — warning
  - b. 2nd infraction and others— phone taken to office, and detention

**Outline Of Materials Covered In This Class**  
**(All Subjects And Timeframes Are Tentative! A Test Will Follow Every Chapter.)**

**Chapter 21: The Great Depression Begins**

- The Great Crash
- Hard Times
- Hoover's Presidency

**Chapter 22: The New Deal**

- Components of FDR's New Deal
- The 2<sup>nd</sup> New Deal
- Life During the New Deal
- Did the New Deal Work?

**Chapter 23: World War 2 Erupts**

- Rise of Dictators and Fascism
- Europe erupts in War
- The United States enters the War and Mobilizing for War

**Chapter 24: The United States in World War 2**

- War in Europe and Africa
- The Holocaust
- War in the Pacific
- Home Front
- End of War

**Chapter 25: The Cold War Begins**

- Iron Curtain Falls on Europe
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Red Scare
- Korean War

**Chapter 26: Postwar America**

- Eisenhower's Presidency
- Atomic Fears
- The Television Age

**Chapter 27: The New Frontier and the Great Society**

- Kennedy's Presidency and the New Frontier
- Johnson's Great Society

**Chapter 28: The Civil Rights Movement**

- Segregation in the 1950s and 1960s
- Voting Rights
- Martin Luther King's Involvement
- Black Power

### Chapter 13: The American West

- Native Americans, Miners, Cowboys, and Farming on the Great Plains

### Chapter 14: The 2<sup>nd</sup> Industrial Revolution

- Industry and the Railroad
- Rise of Big Business
- Labor Unions
- Age of Inventions

### Chapter 15: Life at the Turn of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century

- New Immigrants
- Urban Life
- Politics in the Gilded Age
- Discrimination and Segregation

### Chapter 16: The Progressives

- Progressivism
- Women and Public Life, Prohibition
- Roosevelt's Square Deal
- Taft and Wilson's Presidency

### Chapter 17: Entering the World Stage

- Imperialism
- Spanish-American War
- Roosevelt and Latin America, Panama Canal
- Wilson and the Mexican Revolution

### Chapter 18: The First World War

- Causes to War
- United States and World War I
- Home Front in War
- Peace without Victory

### Chapter 19: From War to Peace

- Red Scares
- New Economic Era: Ford, Consumerism
- Harding and Coolidge Presidencies

### Chapter 20: The Roaring 20s

- Life in the 20s
- Harlem Renaissance
- Popular Culture in the 20s

### Chapter 29: The Vietnam War

- Causes of War
- Home Front during the War
- 1968: A Turning Point
- Outcomes and Consequences of the War

### Chapter 30: A Time of Social Change

- Counterculture
- Women's Rights
- Latinos Fight for Rights

### Chapter 31: A Search for Order

- Nixon Years, Watergate
- Ford and Carter's Presidencies

### Chapter 32: A Conservative Era

- Reagan's Presidency
- Reagan's Foreign Policy
- Life in the 1980s

### Chapter 33: Into the 21<sup>st</sup> Century

- Clinton's Presidency
- September 11, 2001
- Bush's Presidency