

**American History (8<sup>th</sup> Grade)**  
**Mr. Gadsby**  
**Room 101**

**Course Description**

American history is the survey of the American people from the end of the Revolutionary War to American imperialism. It provides the history of all Americans, including African-Americans, Native Americans, and all other ethnic and minority groups. Throughout, there is an emphasis on the values and ideas that have guided and shaped the American nation. The achievements and failures in establishing and strengthening these values and ideals are presented as a central part of the student's understanding of the nation's past. In addition, an emphasis, the 1<sup>st</sup> 2 weeks, will be on the geography of North and South America. Map skills that will be presented are location of important places, physical features, cultural areas in the United States, migration patterns, and how humans have interacted with the environment.

**Textbook Used:** Holt McDougal *United States History: Beginnings to 1914*

**Required Materials:**

Students are responsible for supplying their own pencils, textbook, and a 3 ring binder for class notes and class worksheets.  
Detentions will be given if you fail to bring the required material

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

**Homework policy:**

1. IT IS **IMPERATIVE** THAT ALL HOMEWORK IS DONE. THIS INCLUDES BOTH IN-CLASS AND OUT-OF-CLASS WORK.
2. All graded work is due at the beginning of class the day it is due.
3. Assignments turned in late will be worth ½ credit.
4. After one day, NO late assignments will be accepted.

**Absent Policy:**

1. It is **YOUR** responsibility to hand to me all homework when you return.
2. It is **YOUR** responsibility to check the absent folders when you return to pick up any material given out.
3. It is **YOUR** responsibility to copy any notes from someone that you have missed.

## Grading:

The following are the areas that students are graded in:

- Quizzes
- Tests
- Homework
- Civil War project
- Participation
- Notebook
- Worksheets/maps
- Written and reading assignments

1. Grades are based on total points each of the 9 weeks
2. Final Grades are based on and average of the four 9 weeks

## 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.