

Mr. Brent Armstrong – CP US History Syllabus

Course Description:

This course follows the outline of our textbook, “History Alive!” It adheres to standards set forth by the State of California. The typical class will involve interactive activities, classroom discussions, online research, and exploration of primary historical sources. Participation is encouraged and considered for grading purposes. Quizzes will be given covering each chapter (roughly one per week) with a comprehensive test ending each quarter. Tests and quizzes are not open book/notes. Note-taking is essential to this class as everything said is testable whether or not it was in the book.

The First Semester will cover the founding of the New World up to 1900. The Second Semester will continue on through the Modern Era to the Present.

Regular homework assignments occur as compliments to class work. Homework items include: Current Event essays, Textbook assignments, Research projects based on primary and secondary sources, and creative writing assignments. An Act of Random Kindness (ARK) item may be included as part of homework assignments. This is a graded 1-page item that describes something that the student has done over the past week that has been a blessing to another person. This is designed to get the students thinking of others and demonstrating that everyone has worth and everyone can make a difference in their world.

Grading Policy:

Grading policy is in accordance with stated school guidelines.

Grades are based on 4 categories: Assessments – 40%; Assignments – 30%; Final Exam – 20%; Professionalism – 10%.

Assignments include all work done outside of class to include essays and projects.

Assessments include all in-class quizzes, tests, and exams.

Professionalism includes attendance, behavior, and preparedness.

Classroom Etiquette:

- Respect for others is mandatory.
- No hats or hoods.
- Be in assigned seats when class begins. No getting up during class without permission.
- Bring textbook, notebook, all other necessary materials EVERYDAY!
- No bathroom/water breaks. Take care of it before class.
- No talking without raising your hand.

Subject Management:

- EVERYTHING IS TESTABLE! TAKE GOOD NOTES!
- READ THE BOOK!
- Follow assigned schedule unless otherwise directed. It will be online.
- Homework is due at the beginning of next class after it is assigned.
- Do your own homework. It counts for grading purposes.
- Quizzes will occur regularly and be generally unannounced. Be ready!
- Creativity is rewarded! Dazzle me with originality and forward thinking.
- Always participate in discussions. I can “shotgun” you with questions.
- Life is rarely fair. But ***HELP IS ALWAYS AVAILABLE!***
- Everyone learns differently. But we all will end up at the same place.