# Pop Culture ~ Class Breakdown

*The full title of the course is "20th Century American Pop Culture: A Social History of the United States." This semester course is a social study of the United States that will provide you with an understanding of major trends in art, literature, movies, music, television, radio, fashion, and fads during the last 100+ years. You will gain an understanding of these cultural trends from a decade-by-decade approach. The best way to gain this understanding is to be immersed in it. As a result, you will be listening to music, watching movies and TV, and dancing popular dances from the decades we cover. You will have the opportunity to experience what was "rad," "groovy," and "bananas" during each of the eras we cover.*

**Be Prepared** - Every day, you will need:
* Your Notebook : (a place for handouts like a folder or section of a 3-ring binder) * Pen * Agenda Planner
- Come prepared - you will not be permitted to go to your locker / previous class if you forgot something.

**Classwork -** Class will begin at the posted time. I expect that you will be ready go at that time. Classwork not completed in class because you were working on material for another class will not be accepted late. As per school policy, any classwork (including tests) missed because of a cut will be a grade of zero.

**Absenteeism** – All students are expected to make up tests and quizzes within two days after a one-day absence. If you can not stay after, expect to make up the quiz or test during lunch or a free period. It is your responsibility to see me about a makeup time, and if the assessment is not made up promptly, you will receive a grade of "zero." If you schedule a make-up time for a test/quiz but do not show, your grade for the test/quiz will be a zero. It is also expected that you come prepared with all homework assignments after an absence, if you were in school when it was assigned. Keep track of your absences. More than 7 unexcused absences may result in loss of course credit.

**Teacher Availability**:
Students are encouraged to contact me if they need help with anything or have any questions. See me before or after school in room 410 if you need extra help! You also have my schedule if you need to see me during the day.
My email address is: cstampoulos@brrsd.k12.nj.us - *Please Note: I do not check my email after hours.*

***Grading Categories Breakdown*:**
*Your marking period grade will be based on a point system. Points earned divided by the points possible will give you your percentage grade. AI use is prohibited. All work is expected to be your own. Any work not your own will receive a grade of "zero" as per school policy. Work in Google Classroom should be completed on the provided document. You will not receive credit for large segments of pasted work. Copies of assignments or PDFs of digital work are not acceptable.*
**Each day an assignment is late, you will receive one grade deduction per day late.**

**If I were a teenager… reflections**
You will have the opportunity to consider your own opinions about the pop culture of the 20th century by writing 4 reflections throughout the semester. Each reflection will focus on a specific time period and will include your own thoughts about the pop culture of that time and what you would have been interested in had you been alive then.

**Quizzes**
At the end of each unit, you will have a quiz about the pop culture of that decade. You will need to know both the pop culture and the history that influenced the pop culture for that decade. As we progress throughout the semester, you will also need to make connections between the pop culture of the different decades. *Any cell phone use during a testing period will result in an automatic detention AND grade of zero on the exam.*

**Projects**
You will have several projects throughout the semester that you will need to complete.

**Daily participation and in-class attitude**
All students will contribute to the class daily. You will be expected to participate in all class activities. This includes everything from our hula hoop contest to creating a story using slang words of the current decade of study. If you cause a disturbance to me or the class through constant talking to your neighbor, or if you are regularly on your phone, or if you leave your earbuds in during class, this portion of your grade will be impacted.

**Homework/Other**
You will not have much homework, so it is important you do the work assigned, or your grade will suffer. *(If you are absent, it is your responsibility to check Google Classroom.)*

**Summative Assessment**
You will be expected to complete a project at the end of the semester that will count towards your 4th marking period grade