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Castle Park high School

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Dear Parent or Guardian,

Your child is currently enrolled in my **United States History** class for the **Fall** semester. This class is a college-bound course that can prepare your child for higher education. Additionally, this course is designed with a higher-level of thinking, reasoning and logic that will promote good study habits. Each class meeting will cover a different topic in American history, so it is essential that students are present to every class meeting and maintain a steady pace with the course material and classwork.

Overview

Our course of study will begin with the American colonies and the growing anti-British sentiment that arose towards the motherland. We will analyze the American Revolution and the attempt by our forefathers to create "A more perfect union" for all. We will quickly cover themes regarding early American history (i.e., Manifest Destiny, Mexican-American War, Civil War, Reconstruction, Indian Wars, etc.) Our second course of study will cover the Industrial Revolution and the first major wave of immigration. We will cover the Progressive Era and the first real attempt to initiate democratic reform. Our third unit will cover American imperialism and the rise and role of the United States as a major world power. We will then shift focus to World War I and the United States' first major involvement in world affairs. Our fifth unit will look at the "Roaring 20s" and the social, political and economic advancements that came out of this era. While America was living a fanciful life, serious economic dilemmas lay ahead. Our final unit will look at the social-economic crisis that developed as a result of the Great Depression. We will finish by analyzing government's role and involvement in everyday affairs to solve problems.

Class Requirements

Every student will need to purchase a **new** notebook which will be used to keep track of all of their assignments throughout the semester. They will be expected to keep it organized, neat and up to date. Notebooks will be turned in at the end of every unit; about every (4) weeks.

Attendance and Participation

Attendance is very important in order to be successful in life, and here at Castle Park High it is no different. Students are expected to be in class and on time everyday. If a student is absent, they will be responsible for the missing assignment(s).

Classroom Rules

1. Respect yourself and your classmates
2. Bring a positive attitude to class everyday
3. Late work will receive **HALF** credit or you can go to Saturday School for full credit

Extra Credit



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Extra credit is designed to help your grade, not save it! There will be several opportunities for extra credit throughout the semester. Be on the lookout for these opportunities!

Weight Scale

The following weight scale will be used to determine what grade **your** child earns, **not** given by the teacher at the end of the semester.

Grading Scale

This class will follow the standard grading scale.
A = 100%-90.0%, B = 89.9%-80.0%

Additional Comments

I would encourage parents to contact me regarding your child's progress. You can contact me at (619)585-2000. You can also contact me at

Homework	10% of grade
Classwork	20% of grade
Notebooks	30% of grade
Exams	40% of grade
Total	100 %

0.0%, F = 59.9% or less

For question you might have please contact the Main Office via the Main Office page via the Main Office sweetwaterschools.org.

Artlon Ruiz
United States History Teacher

Please sign and return this with your child to class. I would also appreciate it if you could please provide me with a reliable telephone number by which I may contact you at if the need ever arises.

Parent's name: _____ Tel. #: _____

Parent's signature: _____

Student's name: _____

Student's signature: _____



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