US History II Mrs. Carey

Welcome to US History II. Below is my contact information and website. The best way to get a hold of me is via email. Please feel free to email me with any questions or concerns.

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What are we studying?

US History II should pick up from US I. We will be starting at the turn of the century, looking at the Spanish American War and continuing with Teddy Roosevelt and his policies. We will cover as close as we can to today. Current Events will also be a part of this course.

How are we graded?

Grading is done on a total points scale. For example, an assignment can be worth 10 points, 20 points or 150 points depending on its importance. At the end of the quarter your points will be added up and divided by the total number of points for the term. Quarter grades will be based on the following:

- Class assignments and homework
- Quizzes and Tests
- Writing assignments
- Oral Presentations/Reading/Research Skills projects
- Class Participation Grade (see expectation sheet for details)

Reading/Critical Thinking Skills

We will be doing more reading, notetaking, paragraph and essay writing. I will guide you through this process and am here to help. If you are ever feeling overwhelmed please talk to me. You need to look at this positively - as there cannot be one right or wrong answer, but rather expressing YOUR opinion and using ACCURATE historical facts and information to back it up. We will do short writing assignments. Class will be looking and reading something together and pulling out what is important, why is it relevant, what is its cause and effect. There will also be times that we give you information/background and it is important that you pay attention and participate - that way it will not be the me talking at you.

Homework/Where to find assignments
There will be homework assignments and it is important that they be completed. Much of it will be reading and that will apply to what we do in class together. I assign homework to prepare you for the class, discussions and assignments. It will make for a more interesting and diverse class. Homework is due the day after it is assigned. LATE HOMEWORK WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. If you are absent, you have one day to make it up. Homework assignments, study guides, class notes, etc. are easily accessed via the blog or google classroom.

Classroom Expectations - What I expect from you

During class...

- *raise your hands if you would like to speak during class*
- ***respect*** *everyone and everything in class -- including classmates and teachers, books and other materials that we use*
- *participate in class discussions*
- *you CAN eat and drink, but please CLEAN UP after yourselves and don't make a mess or I will have to suspend that policy*
- *please do not use your cell phones in class - If after a warning you are using your phone, it will be taken*
- *please do not use iPads for anything off topic.*

And, you do NOT have to raise your hand to ask to go to the restroom. However, the restroom is right across the classroom so do not take any LONG walks and abuse the privilege. I request that only one student go to the restroom at a time.

What you can expect from me?
Anytime you feel overwhelmed or have a question or concern please feel free to talk to me. My goal is for you to come out of this course with a better understanding of where we (as in the US) are now and how we got here.

President Kennedy said "those who do not study history, are doomed to repeat history." This is not a course of memorizing dates but rather looking at history as a lens to see the US and its standing in the world today. We are looking forward to a very interesting and engaging year.