

# LONGMEADOW HIGH SCHOOL

95 Grassy Gutter Road, Longmeadow, MA 01106

## Course Syllabus



**NAME OF COURSE:** United States History II (5 credits)

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**COURSE DESCRIPTION:** This course covers United States history from 1900 through contemporary America. This course will concentrate on the social, political, economic and technological aspects of this time period. The various events and ideas of the past will be analyzed and evaluated in terms of their correlation to society today. Students will strengthen their skills in geography, interpreting charts and graphs, reading comprehension, as well as their understanding of economics. Students will work with chronology, develop and improve their writing skills, and their analysis of non-fiction primary and secondary sources. All students will be required to read an outside work of nonfiction and complete a student led Action Civics Project.

**COURSE OBJECTIVES:** Students will learn about important topics in modern United States History and learn to see how they connect to contemporary issues in the United States. Additionally, students will improve their reading, writing, research and critical thinking skills for success in high school and beyond.

### TEXTBOOK/SOFTWARE:

*The Americans*

**ISBN: 978-0-618-91629-0**

**WEBSITE:** Assignments for this course will be posted on Google Classroom. Students will be invited to join the class.

**REQUIRED MATERIALS:** Students are required to have their Chromebook (charged), headphones, a notebook, homework, and a writing utensil with them in class every day.

**GRADING:** Your quarter average is calculated as a simple ratio of the total points you earned divided by the total points possible during the quarter. Each assignment is given a point value.

**EXTRA HELP:** I am always happy to help! Please reach out if you need anything at all and we will find a way to address your issue.

### COURSE AND CLASSROOM POLICIES:

All assessments will be made up in class on the day the student returns unless the student initiates communication and schedules an alternative time. All homework assigned during the week will be due on the following Tuesday. Late homework is not accepted. Late papers or projects will lose one letter grade for every school day they are late (including days we do not meet).

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### **ACADEMIC HONESTY AND INTEGRITY:**

Academic integrity is when students commit to doing the work of learning despite the pressure to cheat. Students with integrity value honesty, trust, fairness, and respect above the temptation of an easy A. Having academic integrity means that one has the courage to take the responsibility for their learning, and a willingness to be accountable for their results.

All students are expected to complete their own work individually unless express permission to work with others is given. All student work should be original and credit should be given for any ideas or information taken from other sources. Use of any methods that would gain a student an unfair advantage will not be tolerated, this includes but is not limited to- collusion, copying the work of others, AI, plagiarism and cheating.

AI may only be used when given explicit permission by the instructor. Unauthorized use of AI will result in a zero on the assignment.

**A NOTE ON THE USE OF MEDIA** - Over the course of the year you will watch media and film relevant to the course that may contain mature themes and content.