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Disney and American History

Bingham High School
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Disney and American History Class Disclosure

“Laughter is America’s most important export.” - Walt Disney

Course Description: Welcome to Disney and American History! This semester-long course will analyze the cultural and political impact that the Walt Disney Company has made on American history. Using a variety of primary sources, this class will demonstrate historical skills while studying how Walt Disney and his organization interacted with the United States both politically and culturally. We will evaluate how the company adjusted to the historic events happening in the country. Finally, we will also look at the cultural impact of characters and theme parks on an international scale.

This class will consist of the following units of study:

1st Quarter

- Walt Disney’s Early Life
- Mickey Mouse and the Roaring 20’s
- Snow White and the Great Depression
- WWII and the Disney Company
- 1950’s - Postwar Boom and Disneyland
- 1960’s World’s Fair and the Vietnam Era

2nd Quarter

- 1970’s DisneyWorld and Political troubles
- 1980’s Disney Corporate Changes
- 1990’s Disney Decade and International Theme Parks
- 2000’s to Present
- Disney’s Cultural Influence
- Disney Parks History

Grading: Assignments are worth 25% of your grade and Assessments are worth 65%. Attendance is worth 10% of your grade. Letter grades are as follows:

94-100% - A	83-86% - B	70-74% - C	55-59% - D
90-93% - A-	80-82% - B-	65-69% - C-	50-54% - D-
87-89% - B+	75-79% - C+	60-64% - D+	0-49% - F

Attendance & Late Work- Please refer to the Bingham disclosure for absence & tardy policies.

- Please make all efforts necessary to attend class. Regular attendance will be the most beneficial action in learning and gaining credit for this class.
- If an absence is EXCUSED, the student must get work missed the first class time upon his/her return. Students must complete work within one calendar week or by the end of the unit if that occurs within seven days of the absence. Work may be turned in for half credit after the allowed week, but will be subjected to a late penalty. Students may email, drop off, or text an image of the work if they are unexpectedly absent on the due date. Absent work is due within a week of the

- absence whether the student is in school or not. Work may be submitted to Canvas as well.
- Missed tests must be made up within one week of the original date given.

Classroom rules and expectations:

- Be respectful. Show respect to everyone and everything.
- Be prepared. Bring daily-required materials to class every day.
- No talking when another student or the teacher is talking.
- Be on time!
- Review the Bingham school rules and know that all apply, including dress code.

*Remember: Cell phones or any electronic devices are not permitted in this class at any time. Cell phones are subject to confiscation to be turned over to an administrator and must be picked up by parents. **No earbuds in ears, please!**

Good Behavior: Good behavior is important for the classroom to run efficiently. When students choose to follow the rules they will learn more and have fun!

Digital Hall Pass

Students will please refrain from using their digital hall pass privilege during lecture time. Please request these passes at the beginning of the class or during individual work time.

Latework and Late Passes

At the start of each term, students will be credited with two late passes. They can be used for: a free tardy or to turn in an assignment late (**Assignments may only be made up during the corresponding unit. Once the unit has been tested on, assignments from that unit may no longer be handed in.** Writing assignments are the only assignments available for remediation. When an assignment is turned in late, Mrs. Cook will write "With Late Pass" on the paper to notify students that a late pass has been used. Any work or assignments that come in late will automatically be worth half of the total points. To receive full points on a late assignment, a student must have a late pass available. Cheating or plagiarism will not be tolerated.

In compliance with school wide policies, late passes will be used on the first *two* assignments per quarter if those are turned in late. Otherwise, the late passes will be extended to the first 2 *missing* assignments.

Unused late passes will turn into learning enhancement credits at the end of each quarter (2 per quarter max). In order to receive this enhancement for unused late passes, students may have no more than 4 absences or 2 tardies per quarter. (Only school activities not counted) All learning enhancement credit will be added onto students' grades at the end of the quarter.

Classroom Materials

- Pencil or Pen to write with each day. (Please no red pens)
- Notebook or Binder full of paper (Binder is recommended, but not required)
- Highlighter (especially helpful on review days)