



American History
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American History 11 is a two trimester requirement for all juniors at LUHS. The course will be a survey of American History from its beginnings to the present day. An in-depth study of the people, events, and ideas of the times will provide the student with an understanding of why present-day America exists as it does. Also, the course will look at how historical events have shaped the lives of all Americans and the concept of the “American Dream.”

Class Expectations: I hold the following expectations for **all** students in this class. Be advised that there will be consequences for those of you who choose not to meet them.

1. Ask questions!!! Students learn more, have more fun, and are more successful when they participate and ask questions. If anything is unclear to you or you have basic concerns about what we are doing just ask. Besides class time I am also available before and after school, and during prep period.
2. Be on time. This class starts at the assigned time. Tardy is defined as not being in the classroom by the bell. If you are marked tardy three times you will receive an **unexcused** absence for one period.
3. Respect the rights, property, and views of others. This includes me as well as your fellow classmates. While I wholeheartedly encourage different opinions and debate, I will not tolerate swearing or inappropriate comments (i.e. sexual, racist, or otherwise offensive remarks).
4. You are expected to be responsible enough to be prepared for class **when you enter the room**. Don't ask to leave the room to get notebooks, pencils, assignments, ect. It is your responsibility to enter the room prepared everyday.
5. **Put your name on everything**. If it's not there—it's not yours and I'll throw it away.
6. Garbage is like the Marines; it should never be left behind. If you don't want something throw it out, if you do want it take it with you, but under no circumstances should you leave something on the floor or desks.
7. Cell phones are not allowed. Period. I will take them.
8. I hate interruptions while I am teaching. That's why I share my schedule with you. If you need something outside of class time, see google classroom or make an appointment. Please see me at appropriate times for questions.
9. All other LUHS rules and policies apply in this classroom, as stated in your student planner.

10. Read number one again. I am here to help so please do not hesitate to see me.

Grading: My grading system is simple. You will **earn** your grade by completing a variety of tasks and your grade will be calculated on a total points system. This means that tests and projects are not weighted per se, but rather that every point available in this class is equally important—earn them whenever and wherever you can.

Long ago LUHS implemented an online grading system. That means you have the ability to check your grade and see missing assignments. Therefore, I expect **you** to keep track of your own grade and missing assignments.

Make-Up Work: It is your responsibility to find out what you missed and complete it. I will keep assignments posted in the google classroom, but if you need to talk to me about it do so **OUTSIDE** of class time. Please do not interrupt class time to ask me what you missed.

Late Work: There is no such thing as late work. You will be expected to complete assignments as assigned. If, however, there are extenuating circumstances I will flex on this if you choose to speak to me about it at an appropriate time. I will not keep track of your missing assignments and repeatedly ask you about it—you are young adults and perfectly capable of dealing with this.

Extra Credit: Arrangements can be made with me for extra credit opportunities. However, since you will know your grade all semester, I will expect that you plan to do extra credit in advance—**not at the very end of the semester, and only after all late work is turned in.** If you intend to do any extra credit, please discuss it with me as soon as possible.

I truly hope that this will be a class you look forward to coming to and that every student in this class will succeed, but if you ever feel your chances at success could be improved in any way, please talk to me about it.

Welcome to American History and Have a Great Trimester!