

# **U.S. History II Syllabus**

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Fellow Scholars:

As we enter the new school year, I welcome you and wish you a healthy and memorable year! With your help, I hope to make U.S. History your favorite class. It's definitely mine! This syllabus is your guide for the school year. Refer to it as needed.

## **What is U.S. History II?**

U.S. History II is the study of American history from the Great Depression to now. The following is a short list of what we will study during the year:

- The Great Depression
- The New Deal
- WWII
- Cold War Conflicts
- The Postwar Boom
- The New Frontier and the Great Society
- Civil Rights
- The Vietnam War Years
- An Era of Social Change and an Age of Limits
- The Reagan Years and the U.S. Today

## **Ultimate Goal:**

The main goal of this course is for students to learn the importance of our nation's multicultural history. We have a lot to learn about our nation through the eyes of its diverse citizens (then and now). In order to accomplish this, I expect respect, courtesy, cooperation, effort, an open mind, and a sense of humor.

## **Grading:**

I don't give grades; you earn them! A weighted average system is used. The breakdown of grades during this year is as follows:

- Evidence of Learning Standards (Tests/Quizzes/Projects): 70%
- Classwork: 20%
- Homework: 10%

\*You may earn two points toward your marking period grade for completing every assignment during the marking period. **-OR-**

\*You may earn three points toward your marking period grade for participating in a community service activity. I must approve the activity before credit is given. Proof of some kind must be submitted as well.

\*Other forms of extra credit will also be offered throughout the year.

## **Materials Needed:**

### **Required:**

- One binder with loose leaf paper **or** notebook (no fringes please, if possible)
- Pencils and pens

### **Optional:**

- One folder with pockets

\* If you are not able to purchase the required materials, let me know and I will assist you.