

A. P. U. S. HISTORY:: COURSE I.D.:812

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COURSE DESCRIPTION: A.P. U.S. History is designed to give able and ambitious students the equivalent of an introductory college course. Students will acquire a thorough basis of factual information but will proceed from facts to an examination of context, causal relationships, and significance. The course will stress reading, historical evidence and interpretation culminating in conclusions.

Website: SMCCUSHistory.weebly.com (<http://smccushistory.weebly.com/>)

Please email any questions and concerns about assignments, etc. My check is c. 8:00 p.m. I am not attached to electronic devices and I do not have an iphone.

COURSE GOALS:

1. Address the 9 historical thinking skills, the 7 thematic learning objectives and the key concepts within the nine periods of the A.P. Board concept outline.

2. Reinforce study skills & motivate academically talented students to research & read beyond the requirements.

3. Prepare for the College Board A.P. U.S. History exam

UNITS OF STUDY: Period 1:1491-1607, Period 2: 1607-1754, Period 3: 1754-1800, Period 4: 1800 – 1848 , Period 5 : 1844-1877, Period 6: 1865-1898, Period 7:1890-1946, Period 8: 1945-1980, Period 9: 1980- P

TEXTBOOK: ibook: Kennedy/Cohen.*The American Pageant* 16th Edition. Cengage Advantage Books 2015., supplemental materials

GRADE SCALE: SMCC grading scale is used as listed in handbook.

Grades are weighted to achieve a final semester average. Grades are translated at the **semester** into a five point scale for A.P. classes. No honor points are given for a failing grade. **Weighted points will not appear on quarter grade averages.**

Classroom Policies and Procedures

You should be prepared to start class on time; be seated, homework and term of the day out.

Tardiness:

1. You must be quietly sitting in your assigned seat **BEFORE** the bell rings – or you will be marked tardy.
2. Any tardies received will follow the Point System outlined by the SMCC Behavior Rubric.

ABSENCES:

Excused: Students are responsible for:

1. Finding out what work was missed by first checking the web site or speaking with me as necessary.
2. Turning in assignments that were collected during their absence. Write "ABSENT" near their name on these assignments.
3. Scheduling a time to make up quizzes or tests if necessary. Make-up tests will not be taken during class time so plan accordingly.

I will not approach you – it is your responsibility to get the work.

If you are leaving school for a school function, homework which is due that day is to be turned in before you leave.

You have one day for each day absent to make up missed work, unless the due date was announced before your absence. Then any work is due immediately upon return.

Unexcused : You will receive a zero for any test or assignment missed during your absence.

Classroom Management

- 1 .Be Respectful !**
- 2. No food, drinks, or backpacks.**

Powerschool is used to communicate grades and missing work. Please look for comments. Grades are published on Mondays of the biweekly eligibility check beginning in September . Make-up work will be posted whenever the next update is done. Zeros may be entered for missing work and tests which become permanent after make-up time is over.

Make-up tests must be taken before or after school ASAP. No tests are made up during class. Any student absent for more than 2 tests or project days in a semester may forfeit recommendation for senior honors classes.

EXPECTATIONS:

Students must maintain pace with the required readings & assignments. An average of two hours of preparation and study is expected and necessary for superior grades.

Supplies: Bring every day. Come prepared for class

- 1. Large Three-ring Binder for Handouts, Assignments, etc.**
- 2. ipad**
- 2. Black ink ONLY. No credit for work done in pencil. No "redos".**
- 3. All formal work is to be typed.**

Assignments:

- 1. Are collected or checked for completion at the beginning of class. If you turn in your assignment later in class or later on that day, it will be considered late.**
- 2. I do not accept late work from APUSH students.**

Homework Heading

First and Last name

Mrs. Smelcer

Class and Hour

Date assignment is due

Title of Assignment

Academic Dishonesty:

Do your own work. Copying information word for word and presenting it as your own is considered plagiarism which will result in a zero for the assignment, paper , project. Students will receive a ZERO for copied work.

Passes:

Students must ask permission to leave the room. The Pass Log must be properly completed. Passes will not be given to get materials from lockers. Students are limited to 3 passes per semester.

End of Class: Students are to remain in their seats until dismissed. Students are not to gather at the door.

Ipads: I will instruct you when to use your iPad during the class period. Understand that you will not necessarily use the device all the time. It is important that you stay on task and only use what you have been asked to access. You may not check or send e-mails. You may not access books or assignments from other classes, check grades or surf the internet. Your attention should be on the task at hand.

Students are responsible for knowing what is and isn't an acceptable use of their ipad based on SMCC policies. Such as no use of camera or video without the expressed permission of their teacher. All violations will be reported. No warnings or second chances will be given.

Weather-related School Cancellations

Students are required to check the classroom web page for assignments. Assignments will be posted by 10 a.m.

A.P. U.S. HISTORY BOARD EXAM: See A.P. CollegeBoard.org for more information.

The A. P. College Board Exam is 6 May 2016. It is administered for the College Board at SMCC but is marked by outside graders during June. Final grades are reported on-line using a five point scale with the scores of 3, 4, 5 (often not always) honored by colleges either for credit, recommendation for upper-level work, or both.

The three hour and 15 minute A.P. U. S. History exam consists of:

- 1. 55 Multiple Choice Questions (55 minutes): 40%**
- 2. 4 Short-answer Questions (50 minutes):20%**
- 3. One Document-Based Question (DBQ) - 55 minutes: 25 %**
- 4. One Long Essay (Choice of two questions)- 35 minutes : 15%**