

U.S. History: Course I.D. 810

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Website: SMCCUSHistory.weebly.com / www.mcdougalittell.com

Textbook: *ibook: The Americans* .Evanston: McDougal Littell, 2012.

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

Course Description: Chronological survey course covering discovery & exploration of North American colonies to present. Units are topical. Geography, global relations, democratic values, cultural diversity as well as social justice are addressed. Critical thinking skills as well as map, chart and graph analysis are incorporated. Units include vocabulary, textbook content, primary sources and occasionally cooperative work.

Grading Scale:

SMCC Grading Scale as posted in SMCC Handbook. Point system is used.

Powerschool:

Check powerschool to communicate grades and missing work. Please look for comments. Grades will be published on the Mondays of the biweekly eligibility check starting 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.

Materials: BRING EVERYDAY! BE PREPARED FOR CLASS !

1. Notebook or a 3- ring binder
2. Blue or black pen
3. Folder or binder
4. Ipad

Classroom Policies and Procedures

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

All daily work and homework posting can be found on the classroom weebly. Students are expected to check the weebly daily to ensure understanding of homework expectations.

- Tardiness:**
1. You must be quietly sitting in your assigned seat BEFORE the bell rings or you will be marked tardy.
 2. Tardies received will follow the point system in the SMCC Behavior Rubric.

Absences:

- Excused: Students are responsible for:
1. Finding out what work was missed by first checking the weebly or speaking with me after checking weebly.
 2. Turning in assignments that were collected during their absence. Write "ABSENT" near their name on the 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.
- Unexcused: You will receive a zero for any test or assignment missed during your absence.

Assignments:

1. Collected or checked for completion at the beginning of class on the date due.
2. Work not turned in when collected is considered late.
3. Assignments that are checked for completion are graded at that time based on the amount completed.

Late Assignments- see #3 above

- A – Two Day Assignments (such as assigned Monday and due Wednesday or assigned Friday and due Monday)**
1. Students may turn in late work within 1 day.
 2. Late work will receive a 50% penalty deduction.
 3. Students are to write "LATE" near their name on the assignment.

B. Overnight assignments (such as assigned Monday and due Tuesday)

1. Students may turn in late work within 2 school days.
2. Late work will receive a 50% penalty deduction.
3. Students are to write "LATE" near their name on the assignment.

Homework Heading

First and Last name

Mrs. Smelcer

Class and Hour

Date

Title of Assignment

Weather-related School Cancellations: Students are required to check the weebly for assignments,. Assignments will be posted by 10 a.m.

Plagiarism/Cheating

Do your own work. Cheating or Plagiarizing on any assignment will result in a zero. This is true for the student who cheated as well as the person who allowed the student to copy. Copying information word for word and presenting it as your own is considered plagiarism and in addition to the grade of zero earns a level 2 on the behavior rubric. Please refer to the SMCC Handbook for the school policy on plagiarism.

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. Student is responsible for any activity that happens while they are gone from the room. Students are limited to 3 passes per semester.

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.

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

