

**Course Syllabus:**  
**U S History I**  
**Instructor: Mr. Meehan**

**Course Description:** This class is designed to foster academic excellence and responsible citizenship in a positive, safe, and respectful environment. U S History I is a full-year course required for the tenth grade. In this course, students will study the history of the United States from the French and Indian War until Reconstruction. Students will develop an understanding of the past and how it affects the world we live in today. In addition to this current events will be discussed on a regular basis with effort placed on seeing how current situations have resulted from earlier events which we have been studying.

**Textbook:** THE AMERICANS, Danzer et al. McDougal Littell, 2005.

**Course Expectations:** Students are expected to arrive at class on time and have their Covered textbook, notebook, and writing utensil with them each day (Students will receive detentions if these expectations are not met). Students are also expected to participate productively in class discussions.

Any student who has been absent from class is expected to contact the teacher immediately upon return to find out missed assignments. All makeup work for missed assignments needs to be completed within 2 school days. After that time no credit will be given.

**Grading:** Grades will be based on a point system as follows:

Tests are worth 100 points each

Homework 10 points each

Projects and other assignments will be graded based on the difficulty of the assignment and the grading will be explained upon description of the assignment.

Notebooks will be checked at the end of each quarter for 50 points

Effort/Participation will count for 50 points.

\*\*\*\*\*late home work may be passed in the next day for half credit. No credit will be given after that\*\*\*\*\*

\*\*\*\*\*Surprise quizzes based on the homework from the previous night will be given periodically worth 30 points each\*\*\*\*\*

\* IPASS is generally updated as soon as each assignment is graded

Extra Help: Available after school each day in room B305 until 2:30 pm, or later by advanced request by the student. Students are also encouraged to go to my web site for copies of notes and helpful links.

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