AMERICAN HISTORY

COURSE OUTLINE

1. This is a “reading” course. You are expected to keep up with the reading and read all assigned pages. Reading will allow you to participate more easily in the class discussion concerning each assignment. There will be a reading assignment on a regular basis. Reading questions will be given regularly on the assignments that are due.

2. You will be required to keep a History Notebook/ Binder. Each week you will be quizzed on the contents of the notebook/ binder. It should be kept all year and be made up of the following:

a. a folder for important documents handed out during the course of the year

b. required chapter notes

c. completed chapter terminologies

d. this outline

3. The course will also require you to write. There will be brief written assignments, chapter essays, and research assignments periodically during the year.

4. Students are expected to keep up with current events at the local, state, national, and international level. Students may use a daily newspaper, watch a TV news station, or access a reliable online source.

5. Grades in this class will be based on your test scores, homework, and class work. All three areas will account for roughly one third of your total marking term grade. Therefore if a student does not excel in test taking, the student will have other areas to improve their grade.

6. Expected Marking Term Tallies

Tests/ Projects (3-4 per marking term)………………………… …………….160 points

Class work (notebook checks, essays, and class readings)…….…...………...150 points

Homework (reading assignments, terminology, case studies)……...…………150 points

Total……………………………………… …………………………………..460 points

\* Remember these are expected marking term point totals. Actual totals may vary due to inclement weather, school events, or other incidents that may interfere in anticipated progress.

7. The course will focus on the history of the United States from the time period after the Civil War and Reconstruction up to the present day. The main focus of the class will be on the influence of technology on the development of the United States, as well as, the role diversity has played on the growth of the nation.

8. Some of the events we will be looking at this year are listed below. (This is not a complete list)

Westward Movement Invention Growth of Cities Immigration

World War I Roaring Twenties Great Depression World War II

Baby Boom Cold War Civil Rights Movement 1960’s

Space Race 1980’s Growth of Technology 2000’s