



Parry McCluer High School
US/VA History
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Room 141

2018-2019 US/VA History Syllabus

Course Description: The standards for Virginia and United States History include the historical development of American ideas and institutions from the Age of Exploration to the present. While focusing on political and economic history, the course instruction provides students with a basic knowledge of American culture through a chronological survey of major issues, movements, people, and events in Virginia and United States history. Students will use historical and geographical analysis skills to explore in depth the events, people, and ideas that fostered our national identity and led to our country's prominence in world affairs. The study of history must emphasize the intellectual skills required for responsible citizenship.

Textbook: The course textbook is *The American Vision; Virginia Edition*, The McGraw-Hill Companies, 2010. The textbook is used as a class set and stored in the classroom. Students may check out textbooks as needed. Students receive enough materials in class to prepare them for assignments and assessments.

RULES:

- **BE RESPECTFUL and BE RESPONSIBLE!**
 - Appropriate language must be used at all times.
 - Class begins as soon as the bell rings so it is important to arrive on time. Be in your seat when the tardy bell rings and

start on your bell ringer. You will receive a grade for bell ringers.

- Use your time wisely and talk only when you have permission to do so. Talking at any other time is disruptive to the educational process.
- Students must bring their materials and writing utensils to class every day.
- Students must be ready and willing to learn every day. You need to be ready to take an ACTIVE ROLE in your learning. This is YOUR education...take advantage of it!
- Students must be respectful of their teacher and classmates. Listening to opposing viewpoints and the perspectives of others enriches the learning experience. Respect me enough to adhere to my requests!
- Being organized in an important part of this process so use your planners and keep your notebook neat and orderly!
- NO FOOD allowed in class. The first time I see food I will ask you to put it away. The second time I will come by with the trash can and you will throw it away. Drinks are allowed but I will NOT throw your trash away.

Tardy Policy: Students must sign the tardy sheet upon entering class after the bell rings. Your parents will be contacted after the second tardy. After three unexcused tardies, you will be written up and required to attend after school detention.

Notebook Policy: In order for you to be successful in this class you must keep a neat and orderly notebook! You will be expected to keep up with all notes and hand outs given. These items should be arranged in chronological order so putting dates on your materials is VERY important. You will have several unannounced notebook quizzes to ensure that you are taking notes, completing

hand outs and keeping up with them! If you do not have your notebook on the day of the quiz you may make the quiz up for half credit.

Electronic Device Policy: Cell phones will be placed in the organizer OR out on your table turned FACE DOWN. If you choose not to put your cell phone in the organizer and I see you on it, I will place it in the organizer. ALL cell phones will be placed in organizer during tests and quizzes. Any student caught with a cell phone during a quiz or test will receive an automatic zero. You will have a two minute cell phone break each class. Any refusal to adhere to the policy will result in your cell phone being turned into the office with parent retrieval. Absolutely NO picture taking or video taping will take place in class at any time.

***Late work and make up work Policy: Each home work assignment given will be relevant and purposeful for the topic being discussed in class at that time. Therefore, it is very important that students turn in their homework ON TIME! You will be given THREE LATE PASSES for the year. These passes allow you to turn in an assignment late with no penalty or deduction. When turning in an assignment late you must staple the pass to the assignment. If you do not have a pass stapled to your paper the assignment will NOT be accepted!

Absentee Policy: When you are absent from class you are responsible for getting the information and work you missed. You will find what was covered on the days you missed in the crate titled Were You Absent? If you have any questions please ask me or a reliable classmate. All work must be made up within 3 days of being absent and you have 1 week to make up tests and quizzes. Utilize Blues Academy!!!

Additional Assistance: PLEASE ask if you need additional help on material we have covered in class or additional review for a test. I would love to help you during Blues Academy or after school if needed.

General Class Policies:

- No student will be allowed to leave class the first or last 10 minutes of the class. If you need to use the restroom, ask at an appropriate time!

- Backpacks must be kept in your locker. Only bring materials you need for class.
- When I want your attention I will stand in front of the class, raise my hand, and wait for everyone to be quiet.
- Completed work (with name, date, and class period) goes in a bin located in front of the class.
- Feel free to use any supplies in this room. Supplies are for THIS room only. Return all supplies to the appropriate place before you leave.
- If you finish an assignment early, you may complete work for other classes, read a book, or study your vocabulary.
- Class is dismissed by the teacher. DO NOT pack up early. DO NOT line up at the door. Stay seated until I dismiss you.

Discipline Procedures:

1. Warning
2. Teacher –student conference
3. Parent Contact
4. After school detention
5. Office referral

**Consequences based upon the infraction

Materials:

- 2" 3 ring binder, Dividers, Loose leaf paper, pens, thumb drive

Grades are available to parents and students at any time by accessing Power School.

Tests/Projects 40% Quizzes 30% Classwork 20% Homework 10%

If you have any questions or concerns feel free to contact me at (540) 261-2127 or email me at caroline.carroll@bvcps.net. Voice mail and email are checked each day and responded to within 24 hours. Our class website is mrscarrollpmhs.weebly.com. Thanks for helping us get off to a great start!

By signing this you acknowledge that you have read my expectations and will adhere to my rules and policies. Please turn in for a grade by _____.

_____ (Print Student Name)

_____ (Class Period)

_____ (Student Signature)

_____ (Parent Signature)

Parents,

I would appreciate your daytime contact information so I can reach you during school hours if needed. Feel free to leave any box blank if you do not want to be contacted by that method. If there is any information you think I need to know about your student, please include it on the back.

Name	
Home phone	
Work phone	
Cell phone	
Email address	
What is the best number to contact you during the daytime?	

**We will be using the remind app so I can remind students when assignments are due and when tests are approaching. If you would like to be included please following the instructions below.

Text this code _____ to 81010.

Please check a box below:

Yes, I am signing up for Remind to get updates on assignments, tests, & quizzes.

No, I am not signing up for Remind.