

***\*American Studies Syllabus\****

***\*Mr. Mahalick\****

**Course Overview**

American Studies is a social studies course that explores various periods of American History. The book we will be using is *United States History* by Lapsansky-Werner, Levy, Roberts, and Taylor.

*\*American Studies I: Chapters 1-11: Pre-Colonial America to the American Civil War\**

*\*American Studies II: Chapters 12-24: The Reconstruction Era to World War II\**

*\*American Studies III: Chapters 24-33: The Cold War to the Present\**

**Classroom Rules & Procedures**

Students are expected to be in class on time and have their *school-issued laptop*, *notebook,* and a *writing utensil (pen or pencil)* with them every day. Students should also have a *folder* to put worksheets in.

Students are expected to be in their seats at the time of the bell, open their notebooks, log in to their laptops, and begin working on the assignment. Remain seated during the class.

Students are expected to hand in all assignments on time. Late assignments will result in a deduction of points. If a student is absent on a given day, they are responsible for getting any notes or assignments that were missed. If a student misses a quiz or test, they are expected to take it when they return to school.

Only 1 student is allowed out of the room at a time if they need to use the lav.

Show respect to each other and to the classroom itself. Do not damage anything in the classroom.

No calling out or shouting. When someone else is participating, nobody else should be talking.

No bullying or harassment.

Cellphones or earbuds are not to be used during class.

**Laptops**

Since laptops are used most days, they should be charged each night. Remember that on flexible instruction days (FID Days) we use Microsoft Teams for the assignments. It is a good idea to bring them home each night.

**Remind App**

If you want to sign up for the Remind App, see the following. This is optional and not required.

**CLASS NAME: *Social Studies***

**CLASS CODE: *@ kmahalic* (Text to 81010.)**

**Microsoft Teams**

Most of the necessary materials for this class can be found on Microsoft Teams. Power Point notes, assignments, quizzes, and tests will be completed using this platform. Each student will be provided with a laptop. ***It is important to bring your school issued laptop to class every day.***

Power Point slideshows and Study Guides for the chapters will be posted in the FILES tab on Teams.

Assignments (including Daily Assignments and Writing Projects) will be posted in the ASSIGNMENTS tab on Teams. Be sure to check the due dates to determine when these are due.

**Grading Policy**

**25% Classwork**

There will be many daily assignments each quarter, both in-class and take home. They will be either on Microsoft Teams or in the notebook. If you are absent, it is your responsibility to make up your assignments.

Note: Assignments on Microsoft Teams will typically close 2 days after they are due. Students cannot submit assignments after they are closed.

**25% Writing Assignments**

There will be several writing assignments given each quarter. These may include essays, open-ended writing prompts, note-taking activities, etc.

**25% Quizzes/Tests**

There will be multiple quizzes and tests each quarter. These will be taken either on Microsoft Teams or on paper. Quizzes/tests are announced 3-5 days in advance.

**25% Midterm/Final Exam**

At the end of each quarter, there will be an exam (either Midterm or Final). Students will be given advanced notice about this. It will usually be in the form of a chapter test and will be either on Microsoft Teams or on paper.

**The information on this syllabus is subject to change. Students will be notified of any changes.**

**I hope we have a great school year. If you need help with anything, please don’t hesitate to seek me out.**

**My e-mail address is** ***mahalickk@hasdk12.org***

**A copy of this syllabus is available on Microsoft Teams for your reference at any point in the semester.**

 ***Please take this home for your parent or guardian. Have them read and sign it for a Classwork grade.***

**Student Full Name (Printed): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Parent/Guardian Full Name (Printed): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

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