

Beaver Dam High School Syllabus

Department: Social Studies

School Year: 2015-16 Course: AP US History Grade Level: 10-12 Required Materials:

Kennedy, Cohen & Bailey

text

Course Resources: Textbook website:

http://college.hmco.com/history/us/kennedy/am pageant/13e/student home.htm

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Prerequisites: strong reading and writing skills

Course Description: Advanced Placement United States History is a college freshman course, spanning the period of pre-Revolutionary America through the early 21st century. In addition to a college-level textbook, students will read and analyze numerous primary sources. The student's own analysis, and evaluation of historical events, through written essays figure largely into the students' grade.

Units Covered: First Encounters overview

Unit 1: Early Colonization Unit 7: Gilded Age

Unit 2: Road to Revolution
Unit 8: Imperialism, Progressives & WW I
Unit 3: New Nation
Unit 9: 1920's, Depression & New Deal

Unit 4: Jacksonian Democracy
Unit 10: World War II
Unit 5: Sectionalism
Unit 11: 1950s & 1960s
Unit 6: Civil War
Unit 12: 1970-2004

Summative Assessments:

• Tests

• Short Answer

• DBQ & Essays

Formative Assessments:

Daily work

Debates

Quizzes

Grading Procedures:

Assessments

• Unit Multiple Choice Tests: 35%

• Essays and DBQs: 30%

• Short Answer: 15%

• Cumulative Final: 10%

Daily Work & Quizzes: 10%

Late Work Policy: Assignments handed in one day late will be worth 80% of the total possible points. Assignments handed in two days late will be worth 70% of the total possible points. An assignment will not be accepted for credit if it is handed in more than two days late.

Test Retake Policy:

*Note: Since colleges/universities do not generally provide test retakes, college bound students should not develop a habit of relying on retakes. Additionally, the teacher reserves the right to change the date of the retake due to scheduling conflicts.

All students are eligible for a test retake after completing the following:

- 1. Students must hand in the completed unit objectives on the day of the initial test. No exceptions will be made.
- 2. Students must commit to taking the retake on the assigned day. No exceptions.

Students will not be allowed to retake DBQs, essays, or the cumulative final. All test retakes will be in an short answer format and averaged with the previous test grade.

To Be Successful:

There are many things that you must be willing to do in order to be successful. Among the most crucial are:

- 1. <u>Do all the assigned readings and complete them on time</u>. Some of the material presented in your text will not be specifically covered in class. In short, I don't have to say it in order for you to know it.
- 2. <u>Take plenty of notes</u>. Class lecture/discussion notes and reading notes will help you understand the material.
- 3. Ask questions if you don't understand.
- 4. <u>Utilize textbook website for practice test questions</u>: http://college.hmco.com/history/us/kennedy/am_pageant/13e/student_home.html

School-wide Grading Scale:

A+	98-100	C+	77-79
A	93-97	С	73-76
A-	90-92	C-	70-72
B+	87-89	D+	67-69
В	83-86	D	63-66
B-	80-82	D-	60-62

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