**United States History and Government Syllabus**

Goals and Expectations

Our number one goal for your son or daughter is to have them be as successful as possible in this class. We want all of our students to reach their potential in class and when taking the Regents Exam.

Grading Policies

 1. Tests 50%

 2. Weekly Quizzes 30% (lowest grade dropped per quarter)

 3. Classwork/Homework 20%

Test Retakes: May only be given if the student meets the following criteria:

1. Was legally absent on day of test (if applicable)
2. Test corrections are fully completed
3. All other classwork is turned in
4. Retakes must be completed within 1 week upon return of test
5. Student may receive up to 20% added to original grade.

Weekly quizzes are given every Friday on the material from that week. The quiz is generally, but not always, ten questions.

Classwork/Homework: there are two types of assignments:

1. Small Assignments: “all or nothing” policy. If the assignment was fully completed it will receive full credit. If any part is missing or it was poorly done, it is a zero.

2. Large Assignments: Essays and projects are collected and graded accordingly.

Miscellaneous

∙ A notebook is **mandatory** and it is expected to be neat and organized.

∙ Parent Portal: We update the Portal almost on a weekly basis for this class.

∙ A mid-term will be given in US History in January. It will count as a test grade for the 2nd and 3rd quarter.

 ∙ Legally absent work must be turned in before the end of the quarter or else the grade will remain a zero.

∙ Plagiarism: Any plagiarism will result in a zero for the assignment.

Cell Phone Policy: It is expected students will place their phones on the front table for the duration of class unless otherwise directed by a teacher. Should a cell phone in the possession of a student interrupt class, this will result in a behavioral referral.

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