Hackensack High School  
United States History I

"America is too great for small dreams."   
- Ronald Reagan

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**Classroom Rules**:

* No food or drinks in the classroom, except water.
* Arrive to class on time and be ready to learn
* Never line up at the door before dismissal
* **Absolutely** no cheating, copying, or plagiarizing on test and/or assignments
* Use polite and appropriate language

**Consequences:**

1.      Verbal warning

2.      Call home

3.      Detention

4.      Referral to assistant principal

\*\*\*Serious offenses can, at the teacher’s discretion, result in more severe consequences regardless of previous steps taken.  Any infraction of the rules may affect your learning readiness grade.  It can also be cause for further action at the teacher’s discretion.

**Classroom Expectations:**

* Never be afraid to ask questions
* Always respect other people’s questions and comments
* Help fellow classmates whenever possible
* Be respectful of yourself, your school, your peers, and your teachers!
* Always be prepared for class and ready to learn!

**Social Studies Department Mission Statement**

The Hackensack High School Social Studies Department is dedicated to providing all students with the knowledge, skills, and cognitive abilities they need to be active, informed citizens, and contributing members of local, state, and world communities, both now and in their future.

**Goals**

The goal of Hackensack High School’s Social Studies Department is to establish well-informed, independently thinking students, capable of participating effectively in our democratic society as responsible citizens. As a department, we believe that all students must identify with and understand both domestic and global issues, and develop interpersonal and decision making skills, related to the present and the future.

The school's slogan, "Diversity is our strength," is derived from our multicultural population and promotes a learning environment based on self-discipline and mutual respect for all people. It is our goal to develop in each student a curiosity for continued learning throughout life, based on the solid foundations of history. In addition, as a department that comprises other liberal arts, we believe that the foundations of a strong liberal arts and historically based education are interdisciplinary, and that a strong background in the social sciences leads to a strong academic performance now and in the future.

**Course Overview   
United States History 1** – 5 Credit Full Year Course *Required*

This course surveys the development of the United States from its foundation in colonial times to the period of Westward Expansion, Industrialization, and Urbanization. The foundation and establishment of democratic society and government is stressed, and consideration is given to the social, political, geographical and economic problems faced by the nation in its growth and world relationships.

**Materials**

**All students are required to bring the following to class each day:   
 - Pen or Pencil  
 - 3-ring binder for History Only divided into 3 sections  
 1. Do Now 2. Notes/Class Assignments 3. Homework  
 - Planner**

**Class Assignments:**

Class work Homework  
 Tests Quizzes  
 Note taking Short answer/open ended questions  
 Geography skills Primary source analysis  
 Researched based projects Map skills  
 Essays (persuasive and narrative) Projects and presentations

\*\*\*These assignments will be used in variation based upon the topic being covered and will be tailored to each class.

**Classroom Graded Procedures:**

Grading in the United States History I is designed to facilitate the learning of all students. Grading is used to show demonstrative progress to all students, exhibit their strengths, and areas in which they may need extra academic commitment. The process is cumulative and the final grade is issued as per Hackensack High School handbook.

At the discretion of the individual teacher, grades will be calculated either by percentages or on a points system.

\*\*\* 10th period I will be available in room 284 for extra help.