

AP U.S. HISTORY
CLASS SYLLABUS
2011-12

TEACHER: Mrs. Maxey

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

Advanced Placement United States History is a college level course that is offered to high school students and will enable them to earn college credit. The course will cover two semesters of a survey of American history from the earliest Americans to the present. This class will meet five times over a two week period on an A/B Block. Each class is ninety minutes long. This is a rigorous, fast paced and challenging course, and the students in this course should possess strong reading and writing skills, along with self motivation to spend substantial time in study, reading, and research outside of class. Emphasis in this course will be placed on mastering factual information, document interpretation, and critical essay writing. Evaluation will be based on the student's performance on multiple choice and essay exams, research projects, and outside reading logs and papers. The questions on exams will be similar to the quality and difficulty that is found on the AP US History Exam. Students in this class will be asked to respond to standard-free response questions and document-based essay questions. Class periods will be set aside to develop the skills necessary for analytical writing on the AP Exam.

COURSE GOAL:

A major goal is that each student will be able to master the AP Exam. Also, that the students will develop an understanding of several of the major themes in U.S. History, an ability to analyze historical evidence, and an ability to analyze and to express historical understanding in writing.

COURSE SCRIPTURES:

Psalm 107: 1 "Oh, give thanks to the Lord, for He is good! For His mercy endures forever. 15 Oh, that men would give thanks to the Lord for His goodness, and for His wonderful works to the children of men! 43 Whoever is wise will observe these things, and they will understand the loving kindness of the Lord."

Ephesians 2: 10 "For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them."

I Corinthians 10:11 "Now all these things happened to them as examples, and they were written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the age have come."

Proverbs 14:34 "Righteousness exalts a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people."

TEXTBOOK:

The American Pageant by Houghton Mifflin.

AVAILABILITY:

The teacher is available during conference periods (A3, A4 and B3) and after school by appointment. Please call me to schedule appointments. My home phone number is 898-3716; school-924-0500. My e-mail address is dsmaxey@legacychristianacademy.org , dmaxey@legacychristianacademy.org or debra_maxey@yahoo.com.

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B-DAY

Assignments are subject to additions and deletions.
Red print is due date for papers, projects, and chapter tests.

- 8/16 **Introduction; *The Light and The Glory Due***; Read Chapters 1 & 2(p. 4-42)
- 8/18 Chapter 1
- 8/22 Chapters 1 & 2
- 8/24 Chapter 2
- 8/26 **Chapters 1 & 2 Test**; Read Chapters 3 & 4(p. 43-83)
- 8/30 **American Flag Pledge Test**; Chapter 3
- 9/1 Chapters 3 & 4
- 9/6 Chapter 4
- 9/8 **Chapters 3 & 4 Test**; Read Chapters 5 & 6(p. 84-121)
- 9/12 Chapter 5; **Outside Reading completed by this time on *The Scarlet Letter***
- 9/14 Chapters 5 & 6
- 9/16 Chapter 6
- 9/20 **Chapters 5 & 6 Test**; Read Chapters 7 & 8(p. 122-165)
- 9/22 Chapter 7
- 9/26 Chapters 7 & 8
- 9/28 Chapter 8
- 9/30 **Chapters 7 & 8 Test**; Read Chapters 9, 10, & 11(p. 166-232)
- 10/4 Chapter 9 & 10
- 10/6 **Preamble Test**; Chapters 10 & 11

- 10/10 Chapters 11
- 10/12 **PSAT**
- 10/14 **Homecoming; Building Sets**
- 10/19 **Chapters 9, 10 & 11 Test;** Read Chapters 12 & 13(p. 233-286)
- 10/21 Chapter 12
- 10/25 Chapters 12 & 13
- 10/27 Chapter 13
- 10/31 **Chapters 12 & 13 Test;** Read Chapters 14, 15, & 16(p. 287-370)
- 11/2 Chapter 14
- 11/4 **American Flag Info Test;** Chapters 14 & 15
- 11/8 Chapters 15 & 16; **Outside Reading completed by this time on *Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass***
- 11/10 **Chapters 14, 15 & 16 Test;** Read Chapters 17, 18, & 19(p. 371-433)
- 11/14 Chapter 17
- 11/16 Chapters 17 & 18
- 11/18 **National Anthem Test;** Chapters 18 & 19
- 11/22 Chapter 19
- 11/29 **Chapters 17, 18 & 19 Test;** Read Chapters 20, 21, & 22(p. 434-503)
- 12/1 **Supreme Court Justices Test;** Chapter 20
- 12/5 Chapters 21
- 12/7 Chapters 22
- 12/9 **Chapters 20, 21 & 22 Test**
- 12/14 **Semester 1 Exam (Chapters 1-22)**

Semester 2

- 1/3 Chapter 23; Read Chapters 23, 24, & 25(p. 504-593)
- 1/5 Chapters 23 & 24
- 1/9 **Quotes Test;** Chapters 24 & 25
- 1/11 Chapter 25
- 1/13 **Chapter 23, 24 & 25 Test;** Read Chapters 26, 27, & 28(p. 594-678)
- 1/18 Chapter 26
- 1/20 Chapters 26 & 27
- 1/24 Chapters 27 & 28
- 1/26 Chapter 28; **Outside Reading completed by this time on *The Devil in the White City***
- 1/30 **Chapters 26, 27 & 28 Test;** Read Chapters 29, 30, & 31(p. 679-745)
- 2/1 Chapter 29; **Outside Reading completed on *The Moon is Down***
- 2/3 **Amendments Test;** Chapter 30
- 2/7 Chapters 30
- 2/9 Chapter 31
- 2/13 **President's Cabinet Test;** Chapter 31
- 2/15 **Chapters 29, 30 & 31 Test;** Read Chapters 32 & 33(p. 746-799)
- 2/17 Chapter 32
- 2/22 Chapters 32 & 33; **Outside Reading completed on *Out of the Dust***
- 2/24 Chapter 33
- 2/28 **Chapters 32 & 33 Test;** Read Chapters 34 & 35(p. 800-851)
- 3/1 Chapter 34
- 3/5 **Junior Class Trip**

- 3/7 Chapter 35
- 3/9 **Presidents Test;** Chapter 35
- 3/20 Holocaust Video
- 3/22 **Chapters 34 & 35 Test;** Read Chapters 36, 37, & 38(p. 852-937)
- 3/26 Chapter 36; **Outside Reading completed on *The Greatest Generation***
- 3/28 **Holocaust Field Trip**
- 3/30 Chapter 37
- 4/3 Chapter 38
- 4/5 **Chapters 36, 37 & 38 Test;** Read Chapters 39, 40, & 41(p. 938-1,010)
- 4/11 Chapter 39
- 4/13 Chapter 40
- 4/17 Chapter 41
- 4/19 **Chapters 39, 40 & 41 Test**
- 4/23 AP Review
- 4/25 AP Review
- 4/27 AP Review
- 5/1 AP Review
- 5/3 AP Review
- 5/7 AP Review
- 5/9 AP Review
- 5/11 **APUSH EXAM**
- 5/15 TBA
- 5/17 TBA; **States & Capitals Test (1-50)**
- 5/22 **Semester 2 Exams (Chapters 23-42)**