*UNION GROVE HIGH SCHOOL*

***Course Syllabus***

**Instructor: Lee Wright & Lori Goolsby Room #: 121 Year: 2020-2021**

**Course Name and Code: US History**

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**Textbook Used:** *United States History*. Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, 2018.(The textbook is on-line through the Henry County launchpad located on the student devices. Students can request a hardcopy book if they prefer.)

**Supplementary Texts or Special Materials: Spiral Notebook** 3 or 5 subject spiral notebook for U.S. History only (five star tends to be more durable and last the entire year)

**Course Description:** The high school United States history course provides students with a comprehensive, intensive study of major events and themes in United States history. Beginning with early European colonization, the course examines major events and themes throughout United States history. The course concludes with significant developments in the early 21st century. Mastery of the Georgia Standards of Excellence will be expected of all students. Mastery is defined as achieving a minimum of 90% of the course content. Mastery of those standards should be evident with an ‘Exceeds’ score on the Georgia Milestone for US history.

**Course Outline and Content:** This course is a survey of the political, economic, social, and cultural aspects of the United States throughout its history. Consideration is given to artistic and scientific contributions as well as contemporary links to the past. The first semester will cover the periods from European exploration up to the Gilded Age. The second semester begins with the Westward Expansion and continues to the present.

**Special Assignments and Projects:** Students will maintain a notebook for class.

* Quizzes will be given at the discretion of the teacher and may either be announced or unannounced.
* Tests/and or projects will be given at the end of each unit.
* Semester exams will be given at the end of each semester



***Classroom Rules and Discipline Procedures*:** All students must adhere to the rules and expectations outlined in the Henry County Schools student handbook and the Union Grove High School student handbook addendum.

* Be respectful of everyone and all property in the classroom
* Be responsible for your actions
* All assignments are expected to exhibit your best work and be turned in on time

***Hall Pass Policy*:** Students are required to utilize and display the standard issued UGHS pass at all times while out of the classroom, failure to do so will result in disciplinary consequences. Students are also required to fill out the Google form prior to leaving the classroom and document their return time on the same form. Teachers will not give out hall passes during the first ten minutes or last ten minutes of class. It is the teacher’s discretion to allow or deny a hall pass request.

***Chromebook Policy:*** It is an expectation for students to have their charged Chromebook with them every day. Failure to do so will be regarded as “not being prepared for class.”

***Make-up Policy*:** You are responsible for finding out what you missed and making up the work.

1. Make-up and absences policy can be found in the student handbook.
2. Excused absences may have one day per excused absence to complete missed work.
3. Assignments and materials used in class will be posted in Google Classroom at the end of the day with the Topic reflecting the current unit.

***Grading System:***

This year we will be on a Semester Grading System:

* Unit Tests/Projects = 40%
* Classwork/Homework = 40%
* Semester and Final Exam/US History Milestone = 20%

***Cell Phone/Electronic Device Policy:***

The cell phone/electronic device policy begins when students enter the designated classroom area. All students will place all cell phones/devices in the teacher assigned caddy. During this time, cell phones must be turned off. Additionally, all smart watches or other electronic devices connected to the phone must be caddied until the end of class. Cell phones/devices will remain caddied until the end of class. Students will NOT be allowed to take their phones/devices out of the room when they have a hall pass to the restroom, media center, etc. Students will be allowed to use cell phones/devices before first period, during lunch, and during class transition.

During on-line teaching, students are expected to have their cell phones turned off and put away during the class period. Students should not be checking their phones during instructional time.

***On Time Policy:***

In order to be considered “on time” to class, the student must be across the threshold of the classroom or designated classroom area by the end of the tardy bell.

During on-line teaching, the student is expected to enter the Google Meet and turn on his/her camera at the beginning of each scheduled class. Students should also type in “Here” in the chat box so that we will have a record of their attendance in the classroom.

***Remote Learning:***

Students participating in remote learning are expected to actively participate in daily instruction and follow all guidance provided by HCS, UGHS, the classroom teacher, and this syllabus. This includes but is not limited to grading policies, attendance, and preparation for class.

***Unit Repair Plan:***

In an effort to aid in student mastery, each UGHS student will have the opportunity to participate in Unit Repair. In order to receive this opportunity, the student must communicate with the teacher to receive instructions within two school days of receiving the graded assessment. Students will be required to complete coursework and/or before/after school tutoring as defined by the teacher to show a greater understanding of the material to reassess. The student has 2 weeks from the date the graded assessment is returned to complete the practice work and take the reassessment.

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