

# Middle School

## United States History

### 2019 - 2020 COURSE SYLLABUS



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## Supplies

An important part of middle school is developing effective organizational strategies and habits.

The following tools are recommended to help keep you organized:

- 1:1 Device
- Headphones
- Writing Utensils
- Folder/Binder for this specific class

## Course Description

Students will look at the development of the modern United States. We will be covering the period of time between first contact in North America and the Civil War.

Students will learn through a variety of teaching procedures including: lectures, projects and classroom discussions. Student knowledge will be assessed through reading assignments, hands-on projects and tests.

There will be a major focus on reading and writing in the content area aligned with the Common Core standards.

Students will take full advantage of our 1:1 computers, so make sure that you have all appropriate permissions taken care of through the office.

## Units of Study

- Our Colonial Heritage
- Forming a New Nation
- An Expanding Nation
- The Union Challenged



“Teaching kids to count is fine, but teaching them what counts is best.” - *Bob Falber*

## Late Work

No late work will be accepted, unless it is missing because of an absence. It is the responsibility of the student to gather and make arrangements for missed work. Refer to the student handbook if you have further questions.

## Tardiness

A detention will be issued on the third (3<sup>rd</sup>) tardy and every tardy following per semester for each class period.

## Detentions

Detentions are to be served within five (5) days of the offense or the detention time doubles. Detentions will be served at a time predetermined by Mr. Oldenburg.

## Grading



**Daily Work (25%)**  
**Projects (25%)**  
**Tests (25%)**  
**Writing (25%)**

Any student caught plagiarizing on an assignment will receive a zero grade for that assignment, will not be able to make the assignment up and will be issued a detention.

# Class Expectations



### BE PREPARED

- Come to class on time. This means being in your seat at the start time, focused and ready to learn.
- Come to class with the necessary supplies.



### BE RESPECTFUL

- Respect yourself and others.
- Respect our class time and our materials.



### DO YOUR BEST

- Be responsible for your learning; work hard and do your best.
- Don't be afraid to ask for help.