



**United States History and Government  
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**Course Description:**

This course is designed to provide an overview of United States History in preparation for the New York State Regents Exam in June. This year we will examine the development of our nation's history and government and work together to understand significant events and people that have shaped our country. We will begin with British America and journey through history up to contemporary issues in the United States. Students will gain an understanding of those basic principles and the cultural heritage that support our democracy so that they can become informed, committed participants in our democracy.

**YOU NEED**

- **Pens/Pencils**
- **White Out**
- **Highlighter**
- **5 subject binder with paper or 5 subject notebook with dividers**

**Five Sections are for:**

Class notes

Chapter homework

Chapter worksheets

Tests/Quizzes

Current events

**Organizational skills need to be used/acquired.**

**You must be able to keep track of your work and papers.**

## DO:

- Have your mask on when you enter the classroom
- Bring your loose leaf binder/notebook to all classes
- Bring your IPAD to class everyday
- Bring paper/pen/pencil
- Be seated when the bell rings
- Be courteous to classmates
- **Your homework**
- **Study** some each night
- **Read each assigned section of the textbook by the time we begin that section in class**
- Remember your success is what **you** make it

## YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR:

- **Being in front of your IPAD on remote days**
- **All work missed**
- **All tests that must be made up**
- **All worksheets handed out/posted**
- **Your IPAD, required downloads/software, and its condition**
- **Having your IPAD charged when you come to class**

## ATTENDANCE AND ONLINE POLICY:

- When you are remote, you are required to be logged into Google Classroom and Meets, in front of your computer with a prep polo on. Your camera must be on and your microphone muted unless/until prompted. If you are remote and wish to participate, raise your hand or type your question into the chat.
- Absences do not excuse classwork, assignments or exams. In case of absence, it is your responsibility to make up all classwork/exams/quizzes and submit all assignments that are due in the appropriate timeframe discussed by the teacher. Until assignments or exams are completed, a zero will be placed into PowerSchool. There are no exceptions.
- ***Students in all Social Studies classes are expected to use good digital citizenship while in class as well as while learning remotely. Students may only use the technological mediums/apps that are approved by the teacher. Students must have cameras turned on at all times when learning remotely. Students may not post any material that does not uphold the Franciscan mission and values. Students may not bully or use profanities in chats and must follow the teacher's directives regarding posting in chats. No one may record or photograph any part of any class without the expressed consent of the teacher, or post or share any content or resources on any social media platform. Any infractions of these rules and all rules set by St. Francis Prep will result in disciplinary action as well as academic penalty.***
- *The teacher has the right to revise the syllabus at any time. If a revision takes place, the teacher will notify all students in writing.*

**TESTS:**

- Will be given on Thursday/Friday as a general rule
- **Comprised of regents questions**
- Can be on anything covered
- Scope will be assigned during the week
- Can be made up within in a week (5 school days)---you will be reminded once

**\*Not made up = 0 \*If a student cuts class on the day of an exam = 0)**

**QUIZZES:**

- Unannounced on Wednesday
- Will cover homework assigned and class lessons (including last year)
- Generally open notebook
- Cannot be made up as a rule (Bonus work will be offered)
- One low quiz grade *may* be dropped per quarter

**CURRENT EVENT ARTICLE REVIEWS:**

- Due every other Monday
  - \* If a holiday/vacation falls on a Monday, it will be due when we return to school
- Articles must pertain to United States events
- **No sports, no celebrities, no exceptions!**
- Count towards homework and class participation grade

**EXTRA HELP:**

- Available upon request. May be used to make up tests/quizzes
- Answers questions and addresses problems
- **Does not re-teach a lesson. Come with questions prepared**

**GRADES:**

- 40%--Tests/projects
- 20%--Quizzes
- 20%--Classroom Participation
- 20%--Homework

Student \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/guardian \_\_\_\_\_