



2019-20 COURSE SYLLABUS

U.S. History (SHS 201 & SHS 202) These courses meet the intent and philosophy of the *History-Social Science Framework for California Public Schools*.

Course Description

This course provides juniors with an awareness of our national heritage. Students will develop a better and deeper understanding of how our country became what it is today. Students will continue to develop their reading, writing, thinking and research skills by analyzing primary and secondary sources. This course satisfies the A section of the A-G graduation requirements.

The units of study are taught thematically and will progress as follows:

Unit 1: The Nation's Beginnings

Unit 2: Growing Pains

Unit 3: The Progressive Era

Unit 4: The Jazz Age

Unit 5: The Great Depression

Unit 6: World War II

Unit 7: The Cold War

Unit 8: Civil Rights Movement

Unit 9: Postwar American Society

Unit 10: Modern America

Teacher

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Grades can be checked online via **Infinite Campus** at www.scusd.edu

Textbook

Primary Text: *American Anthem* (Holt, Rinehart and Winston) c. 2007, Ayers, de la Teja, White, and Schulzinger.

Required Materials

- Notebooks, pencils, pens (colored pencils, scissors and glue sticks recommended)

Grading Policy

Grades will be based on the total points earned in the following grade categories and then weighted according to the following percentages.

- Classwork/Homework= 30%
- Exams and Quizzes= 30%
- Research Papers/Projects= 30%
- Final Exam= 10%



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Your points in all four categories will be weighted to determine your overall grade. Keep all papers pertaining to your grade. It is your responsibility to prove any discrepancies with the grade sheet. Grade updates detailing your individual progress will be posted regularly in class.

90-100%= A 70-79%= C 0-59%= F
80-89%= B 60-69%= D

Course Objectives

In addition to the geographic skills and concepts described in the above course description, students in Geography will learn the following 21st century skills throughout the year:

- Critical Thinking
- Communication
- Collaboration
- Creativity

Classroom Rules:

Students are expected to conduct themselves as young adults AT ALL TIMES!

Not only are you expected to comply with the school rules, you are expected to comply with mine as well.

Rule #1- Be quiet! (If you have something to say raise your hand, and wait to be called on.)

Rule#2- Be Polite. (Conduct yourself in a proper manner at all time, "Please", "Thank you", and "May I", go a long way...) Polite also means no profanity.

If you have to think maybe something is rude or inappropriate to ask, it probably is.

Rule #3-No eating in class.

Rule #4- Cell phones are not allowed out in class.

Rule #5- You are responsible for what you miss even if your absence is excused.

I reserve the right to make adjustments to my class as needed; pop quizzes, seating changes, etc.

Sincerely,

Mr. Messineo