American History II

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**Class Expectations:**

* Respect your peers, learning environment, and your teacher.
* Maintain a positive attitude
* Be prepared for class
* Hand in assignments on time
* Be responsible for your actions and learning
* Do your best
* Follow the Bison Creed

**Supplies Needed:**

* Colored pencils
* Basics supplies (notebook paper, pencils or pens)
* Composition Notebooks for notes, warm-ups and writing assignments. Also used as a living folder
* One spiral notebook ( 4th block)

**Procedures/Rules in Mr. Blackwell’s Class:**

* Cell Phones should not and will not be used during class time.
* Come into class and find your seat.
* Begin to copy down/ complete your bellringer.
* Bellringers last 7-10 minutes.
* Students will usually take notes **EVERYDAY**.
* You **MAY NOT** go to the restroom while you are taking notes or testing.
* You **MAY NOT** listen to your headphones at any time unless otherwise instructed to do so.
* If you bring to food class you have your bellringer time to finish it (**first 7 minutes)**.
* The **only drinks** allowed in class are ones with caps that can be closed. No fast food cups, not cans, no pouches.

**Assignments in American History:**

**Tests:** There will be a test for each unit which is roughly every 1-2 weeks. In class you will receive vocabulary words, guided notes, and study guides to help you pass this test. Each test will have multiple choice and short answer questions.

**Quizzes:** There will be both open and closed note quizzes. Closed note quizzes will always be announced but open note quizzes may not be. You should be keeping up with your notes and have them in class everyday so there is no need to announce open note quizzes. These quizzes will range from multiple choice, to fill-in-the-blank, to short answer.

**Homework:** When homework is assigned it is expected that you turn it in the following school or face a late work penalty.

**Projects:** There will be periodic projects throughout this semester. Some of these projects may be done in class, while other may just allow some class time and then finished outside of class. **FOR ALL PROJECTS YOU MUST DRESS-UP THE DAY OF PRESENTATION. YOU WILL LOOSE 20 POINTS!!!!**

**Classwork:** Any work collected in class will count towards your classwork grade. The bellringers that you completely daily as you enter the classroom will be entered as classwork grades. Other types of classwork may include but not limited to: discussion participation, review worksheets, vocabulary, and reading exercises.

**Grading Scale:** A (100-90) B (89-80)

C (79-70) D (69-60) F ( 60 and below)

**Grade Breakdown:**

Tests: **25%**

Quizzes **20%**

Homework: **10%**

Classwork: **20%**

Projects/other: **25 %**

**Retake Policy**: Every student is allowed to retake any test in this class. This must be done by the end of grading period that the assignment took place. The retake must be done with me afterschool. You will receive half a point for each correct response.

If you come to class one day and decide that you “don’t feel like quizzing or testing” that day you are essentially agreeing to take a zero for that assignment. Unless you were absent the day before a test you must take the test/quiz put in front of you or **take a zero.** You can retake this but again your grade will be average so your highest score possible is a 50.

**Make-up Work:** Your makeup work including assignments and notes will be in a white binder with the day that you missed. For most assignments you have two days to complete the work before you begin to lose late points. After this time your assignment will lose 10 points for each day late.

**Participation Grade:** Every ten days of school students will receive a participation grade. Students start the class with 10 points losing points when he/she does something that takes away from class time. This includes but is not limited to: not being prepared, being late, and being disruptive. On the tenth day the days are totaled and the student will be given a grade out of 100.

**American History II Outline:**

1. Unit One: Post Civil War America
2. Unit Two: Imperialism and Progressivism
3. Unit Three: The Great War and Great Depression
4. Unit Four: World War II and its effects
5. Unit Five: The 1950’s, 1960’s, 1970’s, and 1980’s
6. Unit Six: Modern American 1990- Present