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American History
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2007 – 2008 School Year

Dear Parents and Guardians:

Course Description and requirements for American History is attached on the following pages. Please read this information carefully with your son / daughter and complete the form below, which needs to be returned to me as soon as possible. If you have any questions, please feel free to call me at the school, or, by E-mail. Your support and interest in the educational success of your son / daughter will make an immense difference in his / her future.

I appreciate your help.

Sincerely,

Mr. Timothy A. Youngs

I have read the following pages and discussed them with my child.

Parent / Guardian signature _____

Parent / Guardian name (please print) _____

Student's name _____

Parent business phone: _____ Home phone: _____

E-mail address: _____

Most convenient contact time: _____

Please feel free to send me any information or comments that might be helpful for me in working with your son / daughter.

Use Of Film & Television

During the school year, we will be seeing documentaries and films that depict American history. Some of the films that may be used are:

- Dances With Wolves (PG-13) (District Approved Listing)*
- Roots (1970's Network Mini-series)
- Glory (PG-13) (District Approved Listing)*
- Ken Burns' Civil War (PBS)
- Ken Burns' Jazz (PBS)
- Ken Burns' The West (PBS)
- Ken Burns' Lewis & Clark (PBS)
- Lewis & Clark (IMAX And National Geographic)
- 9/11 (CBS News)
- In Memoriam NYC, 9/11/01 (HBO)
- How The West Was Lost (Discovery Channel)
- Colonial House (PBS)
- Frontier House (PBS)
- Far And Away (PG-13) (District Approved Listing)*

*All PG-13 films must be district approved and have positive parent permission for students to view

Please check the films that you approve for your son/daughter to view, and sign at the bottom of the page. If you do not wish for your son/daughter to see some of the above films they will be given an alternative assignment. This page must be signed for students to participate in film activities.

Film	Yes	No
Dances With Wolves	_____	_____
Roots	_____	_____
Glory	_____	_____
Ken Burns' Civil war	_____	_____
Ken Burns' Jazz	_____	_____
Ken Burns' The West	_____	_____
Ken Burns' Lewis & Clark	_____	_____
Lewis & Clark	_____	_____
9/11	_____	_____
In Memoriam NYC, 9/11/01	_____	_____
How The West Was Lost	_____	_____
Colonial House	_____	_____
Frontier House	_____	_____
Far And Away	_____	_____

Parent Signature _____

Student Name _____ Date _____

COURSE DESCRIPTION FOR AMERICAN HISTORY

This class is designed to examine different cultures and societies that have been in existence throughout American history. Besides events and leaders, students will be learning about music, art, and other cultural aspects that make up our country and its history.

Grading System

Academic evaluation will be based on:

Class Participation	20%
Homework	25%
Term papers / Projects	20%
Tests / Quizzes	35%
	<u>Total 100%</u>

Grading

100 = A+	79 – 77 = C+
99 - 95 = A	76 – 73 = C
94 - 90 = A-	72 – 70 = C-
89 - 87 = B+	69 – 67 = D+
86 - 83 = B	66 – 63 = D
82 – 80 = B-	62 – 60 = D-
	60 – Lower = F

Class Rules

1. Bring all needed materials to class
2. Be ready to work when the bell rings
3. Be polite, and respect the teacher, assistants, and classmates
4. Eat, drink and go to the restroom **BEFORE** class
5. Come to class with a positive attitude
6. Follow teacher instructions

Cheating

Students caught cheating will automatically lose all points on the project or test being completed.

Cheating consists of, but is not limited to Plagiarism, sharing papers, copying homework, and looking off of another's test.

Materials Needed For Class

1. A Spiral Binder – for Social Studies Only
2. Glue Stick.
3. Colored Pencils or Pens
4. Pen or pencil – **everyday**
5. A Positive Attitude