



# U.S. HISTORY I

## Dixie Middle School

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### **Course Disclosure:**

The information on this sheet is for the student and their parents/guardians. It does not need to be signed or returned. Please retain this sheet for information about this course.

### **Course Description:**

8<sup>th</sup> grade U.S. History covers events and issues from the First Americans through Reconstruction. Topics will include Pre-Columbian America, exploration, colonization, the Revolutionary War, constitutional issues, nation building, western migration and expansion, the Civil War and reconstruction. We will also study the role of geography in shaping historical events and the relationships between events of different time periods including today. The main goal of this class is to understand and analyze the events in the history of the United States and then to evaluate their effects on us today.

### **Cell Phones etc.:**

The unauthorized use of cell phones, and other electronic devices severely disrupts the learning environment. As a consequence, and in accordance with district policy, no electronic devices may be used in the classroom without prior consent by the teacher. Any such devices used in class without permission will be taken from the student and turned in to the vice-principal. Students will be required to go to the vice-principal after school to get them back. Communication between parents and their students should be done through the main office at 628-0441.

### **Students are Required to Bring the Following to Class Every Day:**

1. A two-pocket folder that is to be used only for this class. (I will provide one per student for the year. If it doesn't last, students will be required to replace it on their own.)
2. Pencil. Students are allowed to use a pen on some assignments.
3. Colored pencils or highlighters. I will provide some but this will require sharing.
4. An open mind and a love of learning.

### **Student Absences:**

Students who miss class will be required to complete any work they missed. This is the student's responsibility. All lecture PowerPoints may be located on Canvas.

## **Grading:**

The following grading scale will be used: (Unless changed by the district administration.)

93+	A	80-82	B-	67-69	D+
90-92	A-	77-79	C+	63-66	D
87-89	B+	73-76	C	60-62	D-
83-86	B	70-72	C-	0-59	F

## **Course Work:**

Classes will begin with a warm-up activity. Students will also be required to complete one or more assignments every class. Anyone caught being dishonest while taking a test will receive no credit for that test and be required to make up the test after school. They will then receive the average of the two scores. Students will be allowed to retake any test. The student must make arrangements before or after school for this retake. No retakes may be taken the final week of the quarter or on the final test for each quarter. Should the students be unable to finish their assigned work in the time given they will be expected to complete it as homework.

## **Hall Pass:**

Our school uses a digital hall pass system called SmartPass. All hall pass usage is timed and recorded. This is to be used by necessity only. The hall pass may not be used to excuse tardiness to class.

## **Food and Drink:**

No food or drinks (except water) are allowed in the classroom. If I see it, I will take and dispose of it. Chewing gum is permitted in class as long as wrappers and used chewing gum are disposed of properly.

## **Tardy Policy:**

You must be in your seat and ready to begin class when the bell rings, if not you will be marked tardy.

## **Classroom Rules:**

1. BE PROMPT
2. BE PREPARED
3. BE POLITE
4. BE A PARTICIPANT