**Modern U.S. History Syllabus**

Ms. Droney

**Course Description:** This class will explore historical topics from roughly the 1850s to present. Some of these topics include the Industrial Revolution, Western Expansion, the Progressive Era, US Imperialism, World War I, the 1920s, the Great Depression, the New Deal, World War II, Cold War, Civil Rights, and the Vietnam War. During this class students will examine these topics using primary and secondary sources. Students will also acquire a number of skills which include but are not limited to effective note-taking, writing research papers, creating power point presentations, and giving oral presentations.

**Textbook**: *America: Pathways to the Present.*

**Grade break down and description:**

**Tests are 100 points a piece**

Tests consist of multiple choice and open response questions. Study guides will be provided.

**Papers** **and Projects 100 points (unless told otherwise)**

Sufficient time will be given for these major assignments. Details, expectations, rubrics, etc. will be provided the day the paper or project is assigned. If you are absent the day of a major assignment is due, your assignment will only be accepted with a doctor’s note. DO NOT be absent on due dates.

**Quizzes points vary**

There will be pop and open notes quizzes.

**Homework is 10 points**

Homework will range from bookwork to reading packets and taking notes. An assignment sheet will be handed out at the beginning of each unit. Homework is due at the beginning of class. Any homework handed in after, up to one day after the due date, can receive half credit. Any homework handed in after will not receive credit. (Unless you were absent. See student handbook).

Homework Rules:

* Correctly Label each homework
* Write in complete sentences
* Answer questions thoroughly and completely
* Pass in your best work (no grammatical errors, crossing out, no fringe)

**Participation is 77 points**

See Rubric

**Class Agenda**

**Quarter 1**

Unit 1: Industrial Revolution, chapter 13

Unit 2: Westward Expansion, chapter 14

Unit 3: Gilded Age, chapters 15 and 16

Unit 4: Imperialism, chapter 17

Unit 5: Progressivism, chapter 18

**Quarter 2**

Unit 6: World War I, chapter 19

Unit 7: 1920s, chapters 20 and 21

Unit 8: Crash and Depression, chapter 22

Unit 9: New Deal, chapter 23

Unit 10: World War II, chapters 24 and 25

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**Quarter 3**

Unit 11: Cold War, chapter 26

Unit 12: Post-War Years at Home, chapter 27

Unit 13: Kennedy and Johnson Years, chapter 29

Unit 14: Civil Rights and Other Social Movements, chapters 28 and 30

Unit 15: Vietnam War, chapter 31

**Quarter 4**

Unit 16: Nixon, Ford, Carter, chapter 32

Unit 17: Conservative Revolution, chapter 33

Unit 18: Entering a New Era, chapter 34

**FINAL EXAM**