

Hazleton Area Career Center American Studies II Syllabus

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Journal Book :

Don't Know Much About History

Course Description:

American Studies II is a continuation of American Studies I. It covers from the emergence of industry and expansion of the United States to the social and economic stress of the United States prior to WWII and through the great depression. Emphasis is placed on social, economic, and political developments that lead to an understanding of today's American society, its problems, and its achievements.

******Writing, reading comprehension, and discussion will be major aspects of this course. Students will be asked to dig deep into history to formulate their own opinions and make connections throughout the course and to the real world to truly grasp the content. It is imperative for students to not just memorize dates and names, but to take information learned and demonstrate their comprehension through in-class discussion and essay test questions.***

Course Content

The course will be presented as four thematic units:

- Expansion, Immigration, and Industrialization (Chapters 13-15)
- Gilded Age and Progressive Era (Chapters 16 & 17)
- World War I (Chapters 18 & 19)
- Prosperity and Depression (Chapters 20-22)

Course Requirements:

Class work: 30%

- **BE ON TIME!** Students are expected to arrive before or at the bell.
- **BE ATTENTIVE!** Student behavior in class and during all class activities will affect the grade. NO CELL PHONES or HEADPHONES.
- **BE ORGANIZED!** Students must keep all handouts and other materials. A folder system will be utilized in class to aid in organization.
- There will be assignments given at the teacher's discretion.
- If a student is absent, he or she is responsible for making up any missed material for the day. A **0** will be placed in the grade book until the work is made up.

Quizzes: 10%

- Given at teacher's discretion and will be announced.
- Quizzes will consist of multiple choice and/or open-response questions.
- If absent, it is the student's responsibility to make up the quiz within **3 days**.
- Vocabulary

Tests : 20%

- Assessments are given at the end of each chapter containing both multiple choice and open-response questions. All tests will be announced at least two days in advance.
- If absent, it is the student's responsibility to make up the test within **three days**.

Journal: 25%

- Each day students will have a journal reading and set of discussion questions .
- These journals will be assigned at the beginning of each class, if not completed during the set the class time, **THEY must be completed for homework.**
- Failure to turn in completed journals on the assigned due date will result in an automatic deduction of **0 for this grade category. NO JOURNAL will be accepted after the third late day, AND EACH DAY LATE OCCURS A 5 POINT PENALTY**

Midterm/Final Exam/: 15%

- At the end of each grading period you will be given an exam to determine your knowledge of the content.
- You will be given a review and multiple days' notice before the testing day. It will contain both multiple choice and open-response questions.
- If absent for the exam day, the student is responsible for making up the exam on the scheduled make-up day!

NOTE: Any form of academic dishonesty on any assignments will result in a "0" for that assignment and notification to your parent/guardian.

Please sign and return

I have read and understand the syllabus and the criteria by which the student will be graded.

Student's Name _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Email Address _____