

US History Policy/Syllabus
Coach Floyd
Fall Semester 2012

TEXT: *The American Vision*: © 2012. Glencoe McGraw-Hill, NY, NY. This text will be assigned to each student. You are to check the condition of the book.

STANDARDS: based on Georgia Professional Standards, which can be found at <http://www.georgiastandards.org/socialstudies.aspx> (which correlate with the GHSGT)

PURPOSE: To help the student understand the significant people and events which make up American History. Also, to help the student on the Georgia High School Graduation Test.

GRADING STRUCTURE: There will be five categories of grades that make up the student's average:

- (1) **TESTS:** These tests will make up **30% of the final average**. Each test will be announced days ahead of time. Each test will be made up of matching, multiple choice, true/false statements, and sometimes a short essay question.
- (2) **Quizzes:** **5% of final grade**. Some quizzes are announced and others are not.
- (3) **PROJECTS/REPORTS:** **This is 10% of the final average**. Each student will have various projects or reports due during the semester:
- (4) **DAILY WORK:** This category makes up **10% of the final average**. This consists of ANY work done in class; e.g. vocabulary, quizzes, review sheets, questions from readings, and current event summaries.
- (5) **DECADE PROJECT.** Each student will complete a final project over a specific decade of American history. This will be taken the place of a final exam. **(25 % of final grade)**
- (6) **EOCT:** The EOCT will be taken in December. **It will make up 20% of the final average.**
- (7) **Students are expected to read each chapter as we cover the material. There may be some questions on the test that are not discussed aloud during class.**

CLASS EXPECTATIONS

The 4 P's of a Successful Student...what is expected by all students.

Punctual: You need to be on time. When the bell rings for class to begin, all need to be in the room and seated. Tardiness is NOT acceptable. **Warning: On the fourth tardy to any class, 1 day of ISS.** According to school policy, upon the 4th tardy to class, the student will be sent to ISS.

Prepared: You need to have your materials with you everyday. This includes a writing utensil and three-ring notebook. Never come without your notebook and textbook!

Positive: You might not like history one bit, or me, but your attitude has a lot to do with your success. The better your attitude, the better scores you will earn. Be positive: try not to be negative. It hurts your work and spreads to other people.

Polite: Remember the Golden Rule...Treat others as you would have them treat you. Keep your hands off others and their belongings. If an issue doesn't concern you, nip it!

General Rules: Do right. If you have to think if what you are about to do is right or not, then don't do it. I do not wish to type a lot of "Thou shalt nots..." Just do right. Let me mention two things I do detest: tardiness and disrespect. Do not be a violator of these two offenses.

Remember, we will follow each of the rules listed in the TCHS handbook. There is no debate about the issues and policies typed in there!

Respect

Yourself - Try to come in with a good attitude and I will try the same.

Other Students - The class will have open discussion, you do not have to agree with others but listen to their ideas and thoughts.

Teacher - Respect the position even with a substitute.

No Cell Phones, I-Pods, MP3's

Warning: I will take up your cell phone if I see or hear it in class.

No exceptions (time, games, music, text messaging, voice, etc....)

Students may have the phone in possession (pocket, book bag, and purse) However, The phone should not be seen or heard in class.

MAKE-UP WORK:

The student will be allowed to make up work according to Towns County Board of Education policy. It will be the initiative of the student to make arrangements with the instructor.

Warning: All makeup work will follow the student handbook schedule for time allowed for completion. Read the handbook carefully!

ATTENDANCE POLICY:

The attendance policy set forth by the Towns County Board of Education will be enforced. Please make every effort to attend class regularly.

Dear Parent,

I am pleased to have the opportunity to teach your child this semester. If you have any questions about anything, you may email me at *sfloyd@towns.k12.ga.us* You may also call the high school and request me at 896-4131. Please sign the following to show you have read the class policy and understand what is required of your child.

Thanks,
Coach Floyd

(Student Signature)

(Date)

(Parent Signature)

(Date)

(Parent Home Phone #/Work #)

(Parent email address)