**11th Grade Social Studies** Name \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Room 206**

**Mr. Morgan**

**United States History A (1860 to 1920)**

**United States History B (1920 to present day)**

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**Spring 2024 Class Introduction & Syllabus**

**THE CLASS**

The name of this class is United States history A (first semester) or United States history B (second semester). It is a chronological history of the United States that will focus on the great people, big ideas, and big events in American history. U.S. history A covers the time-period from 1860 to 1920 and U.S. history B covers the time period of 1920 to the present day.

**GRADING**

Your grade will be determined by completing the following types of assignments:

1. Notes or Study Guides (which will be weighted)
2. Chapter Tests (which will be weighted)
3. Quizzes (which will be weighted)
4. Worksheets
5. Semester Exam

**Retakes:**

I will let you re-take a chapter test if you fail it, but not until you do a re-teaching session with me along with a study guide that will not be graded. You will have to do this on your own time (SRB, 7:30 AM or after school). The highest grade you can earn on a re-take is a “C”.

**The grading scale is: Semester grade is determined by:**

100 – 90 = A 3rd Quarter = 40%

89 – 80 = B 4th Quarter = 40%

79 – 70 = C Semester Test = 20%

69 – 60 = D

59 - ↓ = F

**THE BOOK**

You will not be issued a textbook like you have been given in previous years. We only have a classroom set of new texts because you will have an account for the on-line text at <https://clever.com/in/mitchell-school-district-17-2> through McGraw Hill. The textbook we will be using is called *United States History & Geography*. The brand new books cost $96.69 each. If you take it from my room or lose one, you will pay a pro-rated dollar amount dividing the new cost by the age of the textbook. **The textbook should not leave my room unless it is checked out to you by me! Please see me if you feel you need to check a book out for SRB or for overnight.**

**REQUIRED SCHOOL SUPPLIES**

**You will need a medium size three-ring binder for this semester of history notes, worksheets, and study guides. If you have me both semesters, get a large three-ring binder. You may also want to purchase plastic sleeves for your binder, but the plastic sleeves are not required. The reason for the binder is this: You need to be able to flip through the notes quickly when taking the semester exam.**

**HOMEWORK & CLASS WEBSITE**

Even if you miss class, you can still find out what we did for the class and the homework assignment by logging into my homework hotline and class website. It can be accessed at: [www.stevetmorgan.weebly.com](http://www.stevetmorgan.weebly.com)

**CLASS ATTENDANCE**

This is a required class for graduation. If you want to be successful in this class, you will have to regularly attend. Undue absences will result in your having difficulty with the issues we will be discussing or the material we will cover in here. I follow the district’s policy on make-up work. For each day you miss, you have a day plus one more to hand the work to me. Extended illnesses or emergencies will be taken up on an individual basis when situations occur.

**TARDIES**

The opening of every class period is very important. It is the time you find out what we will be doing for the class and gets us into the frame of mind for the work to be completed for that day. When you are tardy, you not only disrupt the class in progress, but you put yourself in a position of disadvantage because you miss the opening comments and directions for the class period. The building policy states that you are to be in your seat when the tardy bell rings!

**CLASS CONDUCT**

1. **I expect you to observe and follow common classroom courtesy.**

* **Please stay home if you are sick.**
* **Throw garbage in the trash can.**
* **Do not bring beverages into this classroom with an unsecure cap on it.**
* **You can only use the laptop in class when I authorize it.**
* **Be in your seat when the bell rings.**
* **Turn off cell phones or mute them at the beginning of class. Get them off your desk and in your book bag. You will have time after class to check your messages. Remember, I reserve the right to confiscate your cell phone or you will be removed from class.**
* **You can not take pictures, or make a video in this class or anyone in the class (including me), without my expressed authorization.**
* **Earbugs can not be in your ear and you cannot listen to music while I’m teaching.**
* **Caps, headphones & ear buds have to be off and put away during instructional time.**
* **Listen, show respect to teacher and students.**
* **Ask permission to go to the bathroom or to leave, but do so in between teaching segments.**
* **Be prepared for class and do your own work.**
* **Those who sleep will be removed from class, as well as those who disrupt instruction or my ability to teach.**
* **Abide by the Code of Ethics stated in the student handbook and posted in my classroom.**

**Morgan’s Posted Code of Ethics:**

* **Do No Harm**
* **Make Things Better**
* **Respect Others**
* **Be Fair**
* **Be Compassionate**

**ACADEMIC DISHONESTY**

We have so much cheating and copying in this school! Do you know that it is NOT right to use another’s work to get your assignment done? It is also wrong to cut and paste parts of an internet document or the work of someone else into a document you are claiming is your own! Your work should be entirely your own!

**EXTRA CREDIT**

There is no individual extra credit available unless I offer it to the entire class. I have a hard time giving individual students extra credit when they can not complete the regular class assignments. Be here and do the work according to the teacher’s expectations and you won’t need any extra credit. There are extra credit questions on quizzes and tests that you can earn if answered correctly. There is also extra credit for keeping a neat and organized U.S. history binder at the end of the semester! Unused bathroom passes can also be handed in at the end of the semester for some extra credit on your semester exam.

**ADVANCED ED (formerly NORTH CENTRAL ACCREDITATION ), Common Core & Student Learning Objectives**

Our administration is committed to improving the quality of education at MHS and meeting the needs of those who attend this institution. As a result, the Mitchell School District is seeking accreditation from Advanced Ed (formerly North Central Accreditation) and has formulated a school improvement plan that helps us receive that accreditation while at the same time providing for student enhancement and the improvement of our school environment.

**FIRE OR FIRE DRILL**

If you are in this room during a fire or fire drill, we proceed south when we exit the doorway and go to the south stairway. Once down the stairway we exit the front lobby through the southwest door.

**DISATER OR TORNADO DRILL**

If you are in this room during a disaster or tornado drill, we proceed south when we exit the doorway and go to the south stairway. Once down the stairway we go and assemble in the east corridor by rooms 122 – 131.

**TIMEFRAME FOR AMERICAN HISTORY IN UNITED STATES HISTORY B**

1. January: The 1920’s, Chapter 17
2. January: The Great Depression, Chapters 18 & 19
3. February: World War II, Chapters 20 & 21
4. March: World War II, Continued
5. April: The Cold War, Korea & The Fifties: 1950-1960, Chapters 22 & 23
6. April: The Sixties, Civil Rights & Vietnam: 1960-1970, Chapters 24, 25, 26, & 27
7. May: The Seventies, Watergate, Ford & Carter, Chapter 28
8. May: The Conservative Revolution & The Eighties: 1980–1989, Chapter 29
9. May: The Nineties & Clinton, Bush II & 9/11/2001: 1990-2008, Chapters 30 & 31

“Those who don’t remember the past are condemned to repeat the eleventh grade.”

James Loewen

From *Lies My Teacher Told Me*, p. 11