

American History Syllabus

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🍏 Planning Period: Second Block

Welcome!



I look forward to getting to know you and helping you develop your knowledge and appreciation of history.

Classroom Materials



Your binder will be graded frequently as a quiz grade to make sure all notes, assignments, and other materials are kept and organized. Students need these items to succeed in this class:

1.5 inch 3-ring binder	Composition notebook
Loose-leaf paper	Pencils/pens

Grading Policy



Your grade for each nine weeks will combine three categories:

50% Classwork	30% Tests	20% Quizzes
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Each nine weeks is worth 40% of your final grade. The final exam is worth 20% of your final grade.

Missing Work Policy



You have **three days** to make up assignments and tests after an absence. Prolonged illnesses or family emergencies will be given special consideration. Students must sign up to make up a test during Baron Breakout, lunch, or after school.

If you do not make up work within the three-day deadline the zero will become **permanent**. Please remember it is **your responsibility** to retrieve missed work from the make-up work folders at the front of the classroom.

Classroom Expectations



To succeed in this class, I expect the following from my students:

1. Be Respectful – To the teacher, students, and classroom. Be polite or neutral to everyone, use appropriate language (no profanity), pay attention, and raise your hand for help.
2. Be Prepared – Enter class on time, get your materials ready, collect your composition notebook, and leave your phone, bookbag, and other belongings at the front of the room.
3. Be Organized – Keep track of your binder. Missing materials will hurt your ability to do well on assignments and tests. Your binder will be frequently graded as a quiz grade.
4. Be Productive – Give your best effort. Stay on task and make good use of class time; you will not be given more time to complete assignments if you are off task. Sleeping, putting heads down, and refusing to participate or complete work are not allowed.
5. Be Seated - You may leave your seat for normal reasons, such as to throw something away. You may not visit other students on the way to or from your desk. At the end of the period, class will be dismissed once all are seated.

Students are also expected to follow all rules stated in the Student Handbook.

Tardy Policy



The GCHS Tardy Policy is enforced in this class. You will only be excused from a tardy with a note from a staff member. Two unexcused tardies will result in an office referral.

Electronic Device Policy



You may not use mobile devices such as cell phones, tablets, smartwatches, handheld game systems, music players, earbuds, headphones, etc. Cell phones will be collected at the beginning of class, as per GCHS policy. Devices may not be charged in the classroom.

You are not allowed to access electronic devices during class unless permission is given. You may not retrieve a device to take to the restroom. If you need to contact a parent, you will be given a pass to do so in the office. If you violate this policy, your device will be confiscated and held by administration until a parent comes to retrieve it at the end of the day.

Honesty Policy



I will enforce the Cheating and Plagiarizing Policy detailed in the GCHS Handbook, including appropriate referrals for offenses. Sharing or copying assignments is a violation of this policy.

PBIS



Gates County High School seeks to improve our school climate by implementing a Positive Behavior Intervention and Support system. Let's all agree to SOAR this semester: Practice Safety, Ownership, Accountability, and Respect.

Progress Reports



You will receive a progress report for parents or guardians to review each grading period. Parents are encouraged to contact me at any time for an update on their student's progress or with any questions.

Resources for Students and Parents



Remind

Receive notifications about upcoming tests, binder quizzes, and projects. Students and parents can also message me through Remind for questions about anything.

For your convenience, there are two ways to get Remind:

1. App: Download the Remind app and enter class code: @alynrs1. Or, on your web browser, go to rmd.at/alynrs1 to download and sign up.
2. Texts: Text my class code @alynrs1 to the phone number 81010.

Quizlet

I have created Quizlet study sets with flashcards and games to help students. Just select the chapter we are learning, or a set of notes. Search for A9730179 in the Quizlet app or go to <https://quizlet.com/A9730179/folders>. Links and QR codes can also be found on students' notes.

Please let me know if you have any questions. I look forward to a great semester!

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