

Syllabus: US History
Mansfield Christian High School
2013-2014

Christ, in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. Col. 2:3

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Texts: Our United States History; supplementary readings, books, and articles; and the Holy Bible.

Course Summary:

The U.S. History course is built around the timeline from 1877-present. Following a brief introduction, including a short recap of the events of the Civil War and Reconstruction, the course will begin with the post-Reconstruction "Wild West" and continuing on through to the present. As a discipline of the broader "social" studies, an emphasis is placed on people and their interactions through social, political, and economic lenses, all within the framework of a biblical worldview. To that end, students will be encouraged to explore their own beliefs, guided by consistent reference to God's Word throughout the year.

Expectations:

Historians discuss and debate "what happened?" all the time. Because I hope to mirror this process in our class, participation is essential. Come prepared and on-time. Projects and other assignments must be turned in at the designated time. If this is ever a problem, or if you ever need help with *anything* in this class, please communicate with me.

Grades:

There are four grading periods in this year-long course (nine weeks each). Grades will be assigned according to the MCS Grading and Grade Point Scale. Below is an approximate breakdown of grades by category for each grading period:

- Tests/Projects: 50%
- In-Class Activities: 35%
- Participation: 15%

Topics: Students will study U.S. History chronologically, within topic frames based on Ohio Learning Standards. Time spent on a particular topic may vary as needed, to be completed within the two-semester allotment.

- Introduction - What is history? Thinking historically.
- Context Recap: The Civil War and Reconstruction
- Industrialization and Progressivism (1877-1920)
- Foreign Affairs from Imperialism to Post-WWI (1898-1930)
- Prosperity, Depression and the New Deal (1919-1941)
- From Isolation to World War (1930-1945)
- The Cold War (1945-1991)
- Social Transformations in the United States (1945-1994)
- United States and the Post-Cold War Period (1991-Present)

Disclaimer: As the course instructor, I reserve the right to modify the parameters of this course (including topic items and their order, grade distribution and categories, etc.) as necessary to meet the needs of the class and/or respond to unforeseen events (snow days, etc.).

"Remember this and stand firm, recall it to mind, you transgressors, remember the former things of old; for I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is none like me, declaring the end from the beginning and from ancient times things not yet done, saying, 'My counsel shall stand, and I will accomplish my purpose.'" - Isaiah 46:8-10