

World History & American History II Syllabus

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Tutoring: Monday 2:30-3:30

Welcome to students and parents! Please read and review this syllabus to better understand what is to be expected in this course.

REQUIRED MATERIALS: These items will be used **every day**.

- 1.) A notebook
- 2.) Writing utensils
- 3.) Computer or Tablet

MISSING SCHOOL SUPPLIES:

Students who are unprepared for class may borrow materials from the teacher. Collateral (any object of importance) will be required to ensure that supplies are returned to the teacher at the end of class.

GRADES:

School policy dictates that students should have **at least two grades per week**. There are five categories for grading. Each category has an individual weight, a percentage of the final cumulative grade. The weight for each category is listed below

<u>Classwork:</u>	35%
<u>Participation:</u>	5%
<u>Homework:</u>	10%
<u>Assessment:</u>	40%
<u>Projects:</u>	10%

Beginning school year 2022-23, Memphis-Shelby County schools will be using a 10 point grading scale.

100-90:	A
89-80:	B
79-70:	C
69-60:	D
59-0:	F

TEACHER WEBSITE:

The assignments, textbook, resources, and materials can be accessed through the teacher website on the Overton High School website.

CLASSWORK:

Assignments are created to meet the objectives of the Tennessee Academic Standards. Assignments should be completed in class. Incomplete or unfinished assignments should be completed as homework. Assignments should be turned in when completed. Assignments submitted after Friday will be considered late.

HOMEWORK:

Homework helps reinforce ideas and concepts introduced in class or assist in helping students make transitions from one idea to the next. **Homework assignments are due the next class meeting**

ASSESSMENTS:

The instructor will use **formative assessments (quizzes)** to gauge a student's understanding of new concepts and **summative assessments (tests)** as comprehensive, end of unit tests. There is either a quiz or test scheduled for every Friday. Any missed quizzes or tests will receive a grade of 0 until made up. **Quizzes and tests can only be made up during tutoring hours.**

PROJECTS:

Students are assigned one project every quarter. Class time may be set aside for students to work on their project, but generally students are expected to complete their projects outside of class.

MISSING ASSIGNMENTS/MAKEUP WORK:

All assignments that are not submitted by the due date will be recorded as 0 (zero) until the work is submitted or made up. **It is the student's responsibility to contact the teacher in order to make arrangements for missing assignments.** This includes students who are missing work as a result of absenteeism.

TARDIES:

The first bell rings at 7:00 am. At 7:15 am the tardy bell rings. Any student arriving to class after 7:15 am will be marked tardy. **Students who arrive after 7:30 am must obtain an admittance slip from the main office.** During the school day, any student who arrives to class after the tardy bell will be marked tardy. Roll is taken during the first 5 minutes of class. Students will need to sign the tardy log when they are late to class. **If a student is marked absent, but was tardy, the student needs to see the instructor after class to make sure that they were marked tardy.**

SCHOOL RELATED ABSENCES:

Students who will miss class for school related activities must have their instructor/sponsor send an email to the teacher **AT LEAST** one day in advance.

ASSIGNED SEATING:

Because of COVID-19, Overton High School policy is that assigned seating is to be used to assist in contact tracing. The instructor uses assigned seating as a classroom management tool. Students can respectfully appeal their seat assignment, but the instructor reserves the right to decline that request. Students who are not sitting in their assigned seats will be marked absent.

CELL PHONES/PERSONAL COMMUNICATION DEVICES (POLICY #6024)

“It is the District’s policy that students are prohibited from possessing any type of phone or personal communication device that is turned on or in visible/audible use at any time during the regular school day. Under the policy, the term “possession” means being found in any article of clothing, purse, book bag, carry bag, or in any location on school property other than the approved storage location as written and approved by school officials, and the phrase “school day” means the entire day from the school start time or bell that indicates the start of the school day until the final dismissal time of the school day.

Students who wish to carry a cell phone or other personal communication device with them to and from school must keep the device turned off and stored (e.g., kept in the student's assigned locker, automobile, or other school approved location at all times during the entire school day), unless otherwise determined by the principal. District security officials may, if they have reasonable suspicion to do so, search any cell phone brought onto any MSCS property, which includes but is not limited to parking areas. However, such officials must obtain a warrant before searching the cellphones of students and students being placed under arrest.

A student found in unauthorized possession of any type of cell phone or communication device during the school day shall have the device taken from him or her and kept by the school principal or designee until the parent is notified. The parent may pick up the device at the time and location designated by the principal at the close of the next school day following the day that the parent received notification or earlier at the principal’s discretion. Thereafter, the parent may pick up the device by appointment. Any subsequent violation shall result in the device being taken from the student and retained until the close of the next school day following the day that the parent received notification or earlier at the principal’s discretion. Thereafter, the parent may pick up the device by appointment. Moreover, for such subsequent violation of this policy, the student shall receive additional consequences in accordance with the district-wide discipline policy. **The District does not take responsibility for confiscated items and will not compensate the owner for any lost, stolen, or damaged confiscated items while in the custody of the district.**” – Student Handbook pg. 26

CLASSROOM CELL PHONE POLICY:

At the beginning of each class, students should “park” their phone in the pocket provided. Each number pocket corresponds with their assigned seat number. Students may only charge their devices with the outlets/powerstrips provided. Students must bring their own charging cables and blocks. Students may not retrieve their phone until the teacher has dismissed the class. Any departure from this procedure or special circumstances need to be discussed with the teacher.

CLASSROOM RULES:

It is the goal of the class as a whole to make a welcoming environment that facilitates education and allows for all students to be comfortable with discussions and the exchange of ideas. To help us achieve this goal, the following rules have been put in place:

1. Cellphones and other mobile devices/accessories should be put away before the start of class.
2. Be seated by the time the bell rings.
3. Be polite in your manner and speech.
4. Food and drinks other than water are not allowed.
5. Instructional time is bell-to-bell
6. Straighten up your area before leaving

CLASSROOM PROCEDURES:

To keep the classroom orderly, efficient, and productive, the following procedures are in place:

1. Raise your hand to ask a question
2. Make sure every assignment is labeled with: Name, Date, Class, and Assignment Name
3. Turn assignments in correctly labeled tray
World History = Green
American History = Blue
4. Makeup assignments are posted on the Teacher Website. They should be turned into the assignment tray.
5. Request for different seating assignments should be submitted in writing

PHOTOS/VIDEOS/MEDIA:

Teachers and students are not at liberty to take photos or videos of other students without the written approval of that student's parent or legal guardian. Students should refrain from posting media of other students on social media without the permission of that student's parent or legal guardian.

BULLYING/HARASSMENT:

Every student is entitled to an education free from harassment. Disrespect or bullying towards any student or teacher WILL NOT be tolerated for any reason.

This includes but is not limited to: any derogatory words, slurs, insults, or physical actions made based on someone's race, gender, gender expression, sexual orientation, identity, religion, disability, socioeconomic status, familiar connections, or physical appearance.

"Tennessee law defines "harassment, intimidation, bullying or cyberbullying" as acts that substantially interfere with a student's educational benefits, educational opportunities, or educational performance, and:

1. If the act takes place on school grounds, at any school-sponsored activity, on school-provided equipment or transportation, or at any official school bus stop, the act has the effect of: a. Physically harming a student or damaging a student's property; b. Knowingly placing a student in reasonable fear of physical harm to the student or damage to the student's property; c. Causing emotional distress to a student or students; d. Creating a hostile educational environment, or
2. If the act takes place off school property or outside of a school-sponsored activity, it is directed specifically at a student or students and has the effect of creating a hostile educational environment or otherwise creating a substantial disruption to the educational environment or learning process." – Student Handbook, pg. 32

PARENT INVOLVEMENT:

Parents are encouraged to be active participants in this classroom. Parents are welcome to email the teacher with any questions or concerns that they have. If there is a discrepancy in grades, please bring it to the teacher's attention immediately.

AMENDMENTS:

Because teachers are unable to predict future circumstances, any changes or amendments in the syllabus will be made available in writing