**East Paulding High School**

**United States History**

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**Course Description:**

This block course provides a one-year survey of American history from the Colonial Period and the American Revolution to the present day, with an emphasis on the twentieth century.  Using the textbook and primary documents and current events, students learn about the various political, social, religious, and economic developments that have shaped and continue to shape the United States.  Primary source document analysis and critical thinking are emphasized as integral ways of understanding how the past relates to the present and future.  Film will be utilized as well. Performance tasks include Socratic Seminars, debates, simulations, etc.

**Textbooks:**

Each teacher has a class set of textbooks. Teachers will not issue each student a book. Textbooks can be checked out to a student with the teacher, and online versions will also be available to each student. If a book borrowed and is not returned at the end of the semester; the student will be responsible for replacing the book. The information for the book replacement is below:

**The Americans Publisher:** Houghton Mifflin Harcourt **Price:** $85.85

**Grade Breakdown:**

Summative Assessments = 71%

Formative Assessments = 29%

*\*Summative and Formative Assessments account for 80% of the final grade and the End of Course Test will account for 20% of the final grade.*

**GSE Standards**

Each classroom lesson will be based on the GSE Standards. You can find all the GSE Standards for U.S. History here: https://www.georgiastandards.org

**Mastery Learning Plan:**

**At EPHS, we believe in teaching for mastery. We understand that at times students struggle and need a little extra time and effort to master content material to be successful on assessments. We have developed the following guidelines for content mastery throughout the semester. Opportunities will be offered on formative & summative assessments in each class. All students will participate in mastery learning in some capacity. Some ways that this will be accomplished include:**

* **Student must have attempted the original assignment and initiate the process of tutoring and mastery.**
* **Completed remediation task assigned by teacher (additional written work, tutoring, research, etc.) prior to the assignment is possible.**

**Tutoring:**

**Tutoring is available by request to the teacher. Additional interdepartmental tutoring will be available and posted inside the classroom.**

**Pacing Guide:**

**A rough approximation of the content map is as follows:**

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| |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | | **Unit 1** | **Unit 2** | **Unit 3** | **Unit 4** | | 1 Week | 1.5 Weeks | 1 Week | 1.5 Weeks | | Colonialism | Stirrings of Rebellion and Revolution | The Constitution | Early Republic, Expansion, and  Reform | | SSUSH: 1 & 2 | SSUSH: 3 & 4 | SSUSH: 5 | SSUSH: 6 & 7 | |  Great Awakening   Colonial Self-government   Diversity and Development of American colonies   Middle Passage and the African Population   Mercantilism and trans-Atlantic trade |  Causes of the American Revolution   Colonial Unrest and Movement for Independence   America Revolutionary Relationship with Europe   Impact of Location on Major Battles of the Revolution   Women, American Indians, and free and enslaved Blacks in the Revolution   Key People of the Revolutionary Era |  Strength and Weakness of the Articles of Confederation   Key features of the Constitution.   Arguments for and against the Constitution.   Bill of Rights and Ratification |  Presidential Precedents   Setting an International Precedent: War of 1812 and Monroe Doctrine   Early National Expansion   Establishing a National Identity   Industrial and Economic Growth   Social Reform Movements   Jacksonian Democracy | |

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