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## United States History since Reconstruction Course Syllabus 2009 – 2010

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Tutorials: Afternoons in the Fall Semester; Mornings in the Spring    Conference: 2<sup>nd</sup> Period

### Course Overview

In U.S. History since Reconstruction, students complete the study of American history begun in Grade 8. The course covers the period from 1877 to the present.

Major historical events are studied, but the influence of geography, economics, society, culture, politics, science, and technology on historical events is emphasized throughout the course. Social studies skills will be integrated throughout the course.

### General Expectations

Students are expected to be well prepared and be on time to class. Students are to respect the rules and regulations of the classroom and school. Students will obtain a higher knowledge of social studies skills and be prepared for the TAKS test.

### Required Texts/Materials

American Nation in the Modern Era (Texas Edition)

Holt Rinehart and Winston, Publishers. Class sets will be used and cannot be removed from the room. Any student wishing to have a book for home use must check one out through the school bookroom. Students must complete all work in blue or black ink; except drawings or sketches.

### Course Outline

Course Calendar/ Schedule – US History 1A ( First Semester)- All time periods are estimates and are subject to adjustment due to external influences.

- Prologue-----“The Civil War and Reconstruction”/8<sup>th</sup> Grade History Review --- 1 Lesson
- Unit 1-----“The Gilded Age” ----- 7 Lessons
- Unit 2-----“Age of Imperialism and Reform”----- 5 Lessons
- Unit 3-----“World War I” ----- 5 Lessons
- Unit 4-----“The Roaring 20’s”----- 8 Lessons
- Unit 5-----“The Great Depression” ----- 7 Lessons

### US History 1B (Second Semester)

- Unit 6 -----“Rise of Totalitarianism” ----- 6 Lessons
- Unit 7 -----“America and World War II”----- 6 Lessons
- Unit 8 -----“The Cold War”----- 6 Lessons
- Unit 9-----“American Democracy in Action”----- 6 Lessons
- Unit 10-----“The Struggle for Civil Rights and theTurbulent 60’s --- 5 Lessons
- Unit 11-----“America Moves to the 21st Century”----- 6 Lessons

## Grading

### Grading Scale

A (90-100)

B (80- 89)

C (75- 79)

D (70- 74)

F (69- 0)

.A common assessment test will be given at the end of every 6 weeks. Test grades will have a heavier weight than daily grades (Assessments will count 60% of each six weeks grade and Classwork will count 40%). Grading rubrics will be used for most group activities. Extra Credit may be earned through several possible means by going beyond the required class work. Semester Exams will count 25 % of semester grade.