

20th Century American History: 2010-2011

Mrs. Crossland

Class Information

Textbooks

Nash, Gary. American Odyssey: The Twentieth Century and Beyond. Glencoe McGraw Hill, New York, 2004

Papers

I strongly recommend that you keep all papers associated with this class. **DO NOT STORE THE PAPERS IN YOUR NEW TEXTBOOK.** Keep all papers in a notebook or three-ring binder.

Calendar

You will receive a calendar at the beginning of each new unit. You are expected to pay close attention to this calendar and be responsible for the assignments. Don't expect me to remind you about the Reading Assignments and Daily Work. Since you have a calendar ahead of time – don't be surprised by tests, assignments, etc.

Study Guides/Notebooks

Please get a composition book to be used for only this class. You will be working on important terms and key questions in this notebook. It will work as a study guide, and will also be a graded assignment.

Website

Most of the information I provide in class is also available on the website. If you lose your study guide or calendar, you can always check here for the information.

Course Outline

1st Quarter: 1920 – 1939

Chapter 11 – Getting on With Business

Chapter 12 – A Prospering Society

Chapter 13 – The Great Depression

Chapter 14 – The New Deal

Project: Postcard Book Report

2nd Quarter: 1933 – 1963

Chapter 15 – World War II

Chapter 16 – The Home Front

Chapter 17 – The Uneasy Peace

Chapter 18 – The Postwar Era

Project: Medal of Honor Winners

1st Semester Project: History Fair (replaces the semester exam)

3rd Quarter: 1954 – 1976

Chapter 19 – Cold War Politics

Chapter 20 – The Civil Rights Struggle

Chapter 21 – The Kennedy and Johnson Years

Chapter 22 – Voices of Protest

Project: Vietnam – Living Museum

4th Quarter: 1960 – Present

Chapter 23 – The Vietnam War

Chapter 24 – From Nixon to Carter

Chapter 25 – The Reagan and Bush Years

Chapter 26 – A Changing nation in a Changing World

Project: - Bloom's Book Report

2nd Semester Project: Tribute Day (replaces final exam)

Grading

Tests

Approximately three or four major tests per quarter (some of these will cover several chapters)
100 and 150 points each

Projects

One major project per quarter - Usually between 100 and 150 points

The notebooks are a significant part of the homework grade – generally worth approximately 50 points and due on test day.

Quizzes – generally one per chapter over terms and definitions

First Semester Exam

The exam grade for the first semester will come from the three components of the History Fair project – the written report, the presentation board, and the oral presentation. Students will not be taking a traditional written exam. Presentations will be scheduled during finals as well as several days leading up to finals, depending on the size of the class.

Second Semester Exam

The second semester exam will be a comprehensive project over one of the key figures from the 20th Century.