**AP United States History**

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This course is designed to provide a college-level experience and preparation for the AP Exam in May 2021. An emphasis is placed on interpreting documents, mastering a significant body of information, and writing critical essays. Topics include life and thought in colonial America, revolutionary ideology, constitutional development, Jeffersonian and Jacksonian democracy, nineteenth-century reform movements, and Manifest Destiny. Other topics include the Civil War and Reconstruction, immigration, industrialism, Populism, Progressivism, World War I, the Jazz Age, the Great Depression, the New Deal, World War II, the Cold War, the post-Cold War era, and the United States at the beginning of the twenty-first century. This course will fulfill the United States history graduation requirement.

**Textbook**

Kennedy, David M, Lizabeth Cohen. *The American Pageant*, 16th ed. Boston: Wadsworth, 2016.

(Available on Classlink)

**Supplemental Text:**

Newman, John J., John M. Schmalbach. *United States History: Preparing for the Advanced Placement*

*Examination*. AMSCO School Publications.

(Digital and paper copies are available)

**Supplies**

Students should have a notebook, blue or black pens, and a highlighter.

**Notebooks**

Students should use a notebook to keep up with handwritten assignments. All electronic assignments, handouts, and materials that are provided to you should be kept in an easily accessible location for further study and use. These materials will be referred to throughout the year and will be very useful when preparing for the AP Exam.

**Assessment Plan and Grading**

Each student will receive a course grade based on a 100-point scale.  This grade will be composed of both progressive and summative assessments.  The division of scores between progressive (65%) and summative (35%) assessments in intended to inform students and their parents of progress made during the learning process (progressive grades) as well as student achievement in the culmination of these processes (summative grades). The final exam is 20% of the final course grade.

Letter grades will be assigned using the Rockdale County Public Schools grading scale:

90-100: A (4 quality points)

80-89: B (3 quality points)

70-79: C (2 quality points)

0-69: F

**Daily Grades and Homework**

Each assignment will be given a due date for students to turn in so that the work can be used to learn the content. A reading schedule will be posted on itsLearning.

**Attendance and Make-up Work Policy**

Attendance in class is crucial. If you are absent from class, you are responsible for checking itsLearning for assignments missed during your absence. This business should be handled before the start of class. Please refer to [RCA’s unexcused absence policy.](https://studentsrockdalek12ga-my.sharepoint.com/:w:/g/personal/lmcgowan_rockdale_k12_ga_us/EY2lT7dLXtVHmGbAoFfF2rEBOgXFUvX40g_Q4Wi1CCP5TA)

**Test Reassessment and Late Work Policy**

Mastery is at 80%. If a student scores below mastery, they will be allowed to retake the test after meeting the qualifications established by the teacher. These qualifications will be determined by the teacher based on the assessment. The qualifications will not be used as a point to discourage a student from reassessing, but to enhance their learning prior to the reassessment. The student who scored below an 80% can only achieve an 80% on the subsequent attempt regardless of their score.

Students can submit late work for full credit within a period of 5 school days. When submitting a late assignment, students will also submit a Late Work Submission form. Late assignments submitted without a late work form will not be graded. **Late work submitted without a late work form or submitted after this 5-day period will not receive a grade.** See itsLearning for the late work form.

**Office Hours**

Office hours are Tuesday and Wednesday, 5:00 pm-5:30 pm. Please message me through itsLearning if you are attending. A Teams tutorial is posted on itsLearning. Additional tutorial and small group time will be determined weekly.

**Academic Honesty**

Cheating, Plagiarism, or Academic Dishonesty Policy and Rule Violation 21- A student shall not cheat on tests, examinations, projects, homework, or reports by giving or receiving unauthorized assistance nor be involved in plagiarism or other acts of academic dishonesty. This rule includes all acts of cheating, plagiarism, or academic dishonesty committed in person or through electronic devices regardless of whether the device is personal or school related.

* + Consequence- 0 grade

**Please Note:** The academic honesty policy includes copying or sharing your work with others. Such assignments cannot be redone.

**Statement of Academic Integrity**

The Rockdale County Public Schools Parent/Student handbook explicitly states that “a student shall not cheat on tests, examinations, projects, homework, or reports by giving or receiving unauthorized assistance nor be involved in plagiarism or other acts of academic dishonesty.”

To assure that this standard is fully understood by all parties, we have discussed the full expectations enumerated in this rule. We have discussed what constitutes cheating, giving, and receiving assistance on various types of assignments.

Plagiarism is ‘the unauthorized use or close imitation of the language and thoughts of another author and the representation of them as one’s own original work” (www.dictionaryreference.com). Plagiarism is completely unacceptable at all levels and in any quantity.

In effort to avoid unintentional plagiarism, large amounts of class time are dedicated to the proper citation of a variety of sources in various media. Writer’s reference materials are also available to assist with the proper citation and documentation of all source materials for any type of assignment.

Any assignment which is plagiarized or contains plagiarism, is copied from another student, or is allowed to be copied by another student will receive zero credit. This rule includes all acts of cheating, plagiarism, or academic dishonesty committed in person or through electronic devices regardless of whether the device is personal or school related.

**General Information**

* **Keep up with the reading! Since this is a college level course, students will have a lot of reading, writing, and notes. If you struggle with any of these areas, schedule tutorial time so that I can assist you. Don’t wait until the last minute to complete assignments. A reading/assessment schedule will be given at the beginning of the unit.**
* Organization is critical! Keep up with notes and assignments.
* All hand-written assignments must be completed in blue or black ink. No pencil, please.
* All students will be required to participate in class discussions, debates, and other activities, which are part of the course curriculum. All students are expected to be prepared to begin class on time.
* Read assignment directions and rubrics carefully. If you are confused about what to do, by all means, ask!
* When working in groups, all students are expected to participate and complete the assignment.
* Respect everyone and their opinions. Be considerate of others and do not interrupt lessons or discussions.
* If absent, please be sure to keep up with the readings; it is your responsibility to keep up with course content and check itsLearning for assignments you missed during the absence. Remember the 5 day rule!
* Students must meet the State of Georgia’s requirements for course credit.
* College credit may be granted by a college or university based on their requirements; passing this class **does not** mean you will receive college credit.
* **Tests and quizzes are not limited to content discussed in class; readings completed outside of class will be on tests and quizzes.**

**Infinite Campus**

Please check your grades on a regular basis. If you do not have an account, please follow the link for instructions:

[Infinite Campus Parent Portal - Rockdale County Public Schools (rockdaleschools.org)](https://www.rockdaleschools.org/departments/technology/administrative_technology/infinite_campus_parent_portal)

**To Parents and Guardians**

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any concerns or would simply like to know more about what we are doing in the classroom. If you need to speak to me directly, please email me, [lmcgowan@rockdale.k12.ga.us](mailto:lmcgowan@rockdale.k12.ga.us), or call, 770-388-5677, extension 31183 and I will get back to you within two business day. \*Email is the quickest way to contact me.

***The instructor reserves the right to make changes to course content and/or grading procedures as needed.***

\***Please** [**click here**](https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=uF7Sv_w9XE6tq60HPyOscj1GED4wmFBLsJl1Kjy-AL1UMU9WMjFDVkdVRlg5NzU1WEhFRzlFNDFZMy4u) **to complete the Microsoft Form****,** **Syllabus Agreement and the Statement of Academic Integrity, promptly. Please note that failure or refusal to sign and submit the Form does not excuse students from following the terms discussed in the class syllabus.**

**Non-Discrimination Policy**

The Rockdale County Board of Education (“Board”) prohibits unlawful discrimination against students because of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age, disability, or other protected group status or activity (e.g. opposition to prohibited discrimination or participation in the statutory complaint process) in its programs and activities or employment in its programs or activities. In keeping with this commitment, the Board will not tolerate harassment, discrimination, or other unlawful treatment of its students. It is the policy of the Board to comply fully with the requirements of Title VI, Title IX, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, the Americans with Disabilities Act and all accompanying regulations. As set forth herein, the Board designates the following employee of Rockdale County Public Schools (“District”) to handle inquiries regarding the District's non-discrimination policies:  
  
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