

Parent Information Sheet

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Where to find information on the class:

Students were given a copy of the class syllabus on the first day of class. The syllabus contains all important information for my class on issues such as the grading policy and makeup work.

You may also find the syllabus and more detailed information on what is happening day to day in the class on the class website. If you are unable to locate the answer to your questions in either of those resources, please email or call!

Current Study:

We are in our third unit of study this week, focusing on the Revolutionary era through the Washington and Adams administrations. We are also working on our first essay by writing one piece by piece in and out of class over the next week. Students are responsible for Chapter 7 this Thursday, September 13 and Chapter 8 is due Monday, September 17. The first full exam is Thursday, September 20 and the first full in class essay is Friday, September 28.

What to Expect:

The work load for APUSH is quite significant. Students will be reading and taking required notes over 2 to 3 chapters per week in addition to smaller activities which expand on what we have done in class. Students will also spend significant time honing their writing skills as part of this course. There will be 10 unannounced chapter quizzes, four of which will be open notes.

Grading:

APUSH uses a weighted categories, percentage based grading system. The categories are:

Major Grades 80%

Tests, 30%

Authentic Assessments, 35%

Quizzes, 15%

Minor Grades, 20%

Homework & Classwork, 18%

Tutorials 2%

See the syllabi for each course for specific grading policies.

Note on Course Content:

Studying history necessitates engagement with controversial topics and potentially disturbing historical events. At times in this class students will encounter material that may spur an emotional response.

Additionally, this class deals in varying points of view and historical opinion. During this semester students should expect to encounter multiple points of view.