United States History 1

School: *Garfield High*

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**Course**: United States History 1 (6701)

**Office hours**: Period 1 (M-F from 8:15 to 9:00)

**Course Description**:

In this course students will examine major turning points throughout American history. This class will focus on themes that directly relate to the development of who and what  we are today as “Contemporary Americans.”  Students will also have a component of  both physical and cultural geography to help students develop an awareness of place as stipulated in California Standards.

**Course Methods**:

1. Readings from the text, which will be supplemented by lectures and notes.
2. Class discussions and projects.
3. Current events and small group activities.
4. Applied other relevant supplemental reading materials.
5. Group / team work.
6. Research

**Grading Policy**:

            Grades will be based on a total of points accumulated throughout the grading period. All assignments will be given a numerical value and at the end of the grading period, a students’ individual points will be divided by the total points possible to arrive at a percentage. The grading scale is as follows:

90-100% =  A

80-89%   =  B

70-79%   =  C

60-69%   =  D ( below 60%  =ng )

**Notebook**:

            Each student is required to keep a notebook that will include lecture notes, reading notes, graded assignments, and all handouts.

**Homework**:

            Homework will be assigned nearly everyday, whether it be reading from the text, studying notes, or a written assignment. NOTE: It’s the responsibility of each student to find out and make-up any work missed because of an absence.

**Test and Quizzes**:

            Tests and quizzes will be given periodically throughout the semester. It is the responsibility of each student to be prepared for them.