

Wake Forest High School
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American History I

American History I is a high school graduation requirement and a course that will guide students from the age of European exploration of the new world through Reconstruction. Students will examine the historical and intellectual origins of the United States from European exploration and colonial settlement to the Revolutionary and Constitutional eras. Students will learn about the important political and economic factors that contributed to the development of colonial America and the outbreak of the American Revolution as well as the consequences of the Revolution, including the writing and key ideas of the U.S. Constitution. This course will guide students as they study the establishment of political parties, America's westward expansion, the growth of sectional conflict, how that sectional conflict led to the Civil War, and the consequences of the Civil War, including Reconstruction.

Behavioral Expectations

- We will follow the Wake Forest High School campus tardy policy and the 10-Minute policy.
- Bring all necessary materials to class (binder, notebook paper, pen (blue/black ink) and/or pencil.
- Be sure that the area around your desk is neat and clean before you leave.
- Have Cougar PRIDE (Punctuality, Respect, Integrity, Determination, Excellence) in the classroom.

Electronic Devices

We will use digital resources a great deal to enhance learning in this class. There are times, however, when we will need to focus without technology. Except when authorized for instructional purposes, no student may use a wireless communication device or personal entertainment device during instructional hours. Any device used in violation of this policy will be confiscated and returned to the student's parent (WCPSS Student/Parent Handbook).

Classroom Guidelines

- Be aware of the BYOD Stoplight. Assignments will be color coded according to the Stoplight system.
- Keep your devices in your pocket or backpack or FACEDOWN on your desk when not being used for a classroom purpose. There is a "phone jail" at the front of the room for students that continually use their devices in inappropriate ways.
- Be sure your devices are in silent mode. I will ask for your device if it continually goes off in class.
- Remain on-task when we use technology during class. Netflix, social media, YouTube surfing, etc. are not permitted. Texting is also not permitted during class.
- Be a good digital citizen. Cyberbullying will be reported to administrators. Follow internet safety rules.

Academic Integrity

- Academic dishonesty will not be tolerated. Forms of academic dishonesty include (but are not limited to): copying another student's work, plagiarizing from online or text resources, and attempting to copy answers on during tests and quizzes.
- The Wake County Public School System academic integrity policy will be followed.

Late Work & Extra Help

- The Wake County Public School System late work policy will be applied.
- There are no extra credit assignments for this course.
- Students will be permitted to re-test and earn up to a 90% on the second attempt to improve their grade.
- Students will have the Cougar Time period to seek extra help and make up work. Some students may need to schedule extra time after school for one-on-one help or to have more time to make-up work. Afterschool office hours are Tuesday from 2:15-3:00 pm and by appointment.

Grading Scale

1st Quarter	40%	Test	40%
2nd Quarter	40%	Project/Writings	30%
NC Final	20%	Vocab Quiz	20%
*No exemptions for seniors		Daily Work	10%

Tentative Course Pacing

Unit One: Colonial America	Aug 26-Sept 12
Unit Two: American Revolution	Sept 13-Oct 3
Unit Three: Early America	Oct 4-Oct 17
Unit Four: Nationalism vs Sectionalism	Oct 18-Oct 30
Unit Five: Religion and Reform	Nov 1-Nov 15
Unit Six: Manifest Destiny	Nov 16-Dec 5
Unit Seven: Civil War	Dec 6-Dec 19
Unit Eight: Reconstruction	Dec 20-Jan 9
Review	Jan 10
Exam Week	Jan 11-17