

# US History Syllabus

**Teacher: Mr. Kurt Chapman**

Class: B220

Prep Hours: 5th Period 12:34-1:27

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Class WIKI Page where assignments and lesson plans can be found: <http://chapmanushistory.wikispaces.com/>

## **Class Expectations and Procedures:**

This course will strictly adhere to the State Standards. However, detours are to be expected and other material will be covered (depending on time constraints). Students are expected to utilize the side board for the weekly schedule and pick up any missed assignments. Students are to come to class prepared with paper and a writing utensil every day. Other materials may be required throughout the year, on these occasions the students will be given ample warning. Retention of the course material covered is expected. Parents and students can access current grades at:

<http://powerschool.hesperiausd.org/public/>

1. Be in your seat and working by the time the Bell Rings (Board Work).
2. All assignments are due before class begins.
3. Use the "Student Supplies," not the teacher's supplies.
4. Refer to the Course website and Class Calendar/Assignment List for Make-Up Work.
5. Try your BEST at all times! (If you attend class, you are expected to work and participate, if this is a problem, I will be happy to show you the door.)

Things you must have for this class:

1. Spiral Notebook
2. Email Address

## **Class Rules:**

Violations of these rules will result in consequences. These include, but are certainly not limited to:

1) Warning, 2) Seat Change, 3) Phone Call Home, 4) Referral and a trip to the office.

**I reserve the right to skip any of these consequences if I deem the infraction worthy.**

<http://chapmanushistory.wikispaces.com/>

All worksheets, handouts, lesson plans and activities can be found and printed from My Wikispaces page from the above address. Please use it if you are absent or are missing assignments.

The class rules are as follows: (All School Rules are in effect as well). 1. Be respectful to others, this includes: No Talking while the Teacher is Talking. 2. Sit in your assigned seats. 3. Clean up after yourself, the teacher is not your maid. 4. No food or drinks, without a reseal-able lid.

## **Grading Rubric:**

Your grade will be broken down in this way. Extra Credit will be assigned at the teacher's discretion. To earn Extra Credit, the student must perform above and beyond reasonable expectations. Unexcused Late Work will be docked 10% and an additional 10% for each day it is late. Students will be able to make up any quiz or test at lunch during the following 10 school days. All grades are final.

Grade Breakdown:	Grade Scale:
35% = Tests and Essays	100%-90%-----A
35% = Assignments and Homework	89.99%-80%-----B
20% = Projects	79.99%-70%-----C
10% = Participation	69.99%-60%-----D
	59.99% and lower -----F

No Exceptions will be made!

(You are all adults and therefore must take responsibility for your own actions.)

## **\*THE "C" POLICY\***

One last note I would like to make you aware of and that is, in this class no student should fail. I have a policy that if all assignments are complete, and all test are taken to the best of their ability even if that requires numerous attempts at the test, and the student attends class regularly with few absences, **IF** all this is done the student should not receive a grade lower than a "**C**." Keep this in mind when grades come out.

Syllabus and Rules and Consequences Signature Sheet

Name\_\_\_\_\_

Period\_\_\_\_\_

I (parent/guardian name) \_\_\_\_\_, have read syllabus and the rules and consequences above along with my son/daughter

(Student name) \_\_\_\_\_ and we understand how the matter of class discipline will be handled in Mr. Chapman's History Class.

Parent Signature\_\_\_\_\_ Date\_\_\_\_\_

Student Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date\_\_\_\_\_

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Parent Permission Slip

Attention parents! In Mr. Chapman's history class students will be watching a variety of movies and documentaries. The movies that we will be watching are all history based. For some of the movies we will only be watching clips and others the whole movie. I feel watching these videos gives the students a visual of the topic that we are discussing. We discuss, analyze, and answer questions on these videos for better understanding. All of the videos that were rated R in the movie theaters will be shown as the made for TV version which have been edited to a PG rating. Please check the boxes with an X to give permission for your student to watch these videos or an X if you do not give permission.

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| - Glory (PG)                                   | - Enemy at the Gates (Documentary clip)   |
| - Revolution & The Patriot (Clip)              | - Malcolm X (PG)                          |
| - Remember the Titans                          | - JFK- (clip)                             |
| - Legends of the Fall- TV Edition edited to PG | - Thirteen Days (Clip)                    |
| - Grapes of Wrath-PG                           | - Big Red One (clip)-TV edited to PG      |
| - JFK assassination documentary                | - Saving Private Ryan (clip)              |
| - Pearl Harbor (clip)                          | - All the Presidents Men- TV edited to PG |

☐ YES, I give my permission for \_\_\_\_\_ (students name) to watch the videos checked above.

☐ I DO NOT give my permission for \_\_\_\_\_ (students name) to watch the videos.

Parents Signature\_\_\_\_\_

Name\_\_\_\_\_

Period\_\_\_\_\_