



*“Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world.”*

*~ Nelson Mandela*

### **Course Description:**

The 11th grade study of U.S. History places an emphasis on critical turning points in U.S. history that reveal what is unique about America and what responsibilities are identified with being an American citizen. Students are expected to continue to develop the following skills associated with the study of social sciences: recognition and analysis of primary and secondary source materials; critical reading, listening and note taking methods; and proper research, presentation and discussion skills.

### **Essential Questions:**

- Who is an American?
- What does it mean to be an American?
- Has the United States become the nation that it originally set out to be?
- What is the American Dream and is it a myth?

### **Class Resources:**

Students in US History will be using a variety of resources to support their learning. Primarily, we will rely on CLiC. Based on National curriculum, CLiC offers content supporting the study of U.S. History. The online resource offers articles, photographs and other forms of media to provide background on the concepts studied in the classroom.

In addition, we will use texts specifically selected to further inform the study of American history and the American experience. These will also be made available online whenever possible.

**Media:** A list of anticipated media may be found online. Updates and other resources will be shared through Google Classroom.

**Homework:** Students enrolled in US History should expect an average of 2 hours of homework per week.

### **Units of Study:**

#### **Semester 1:**

- Key concepts and Vocabulary
- Sectionalism
- The Civil War and Reconstruction
- Industrialisation and Imperialism
- Rise of the City
- World War I

#### **Semester 2:**

- Rise of Dictators
- The Great Depression and global tensions
- World War II
- The Cold War
- The Modern United States
  - Proxy Wars
  - Civil Rights
  - America's role in the world



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### Schedule:

- Period 1: Prep
- Period 2: US History
- Period 3: US History
- Period 4: Prep
- Period 5: US History
- Period 6: Contemporary Issues
- Period 7: US History

## How we will work:

- **Google Classroom** will be a critical component of this course. All assignments, rubrics, resources, online discussions and events will be shared through this platform. Students are required to create an account. In addition, all students must have a **gmail account** with their first and last name in the address.
- **Turnitin.com** will be used to submit student work.
- Reminders and alerts will be sent using **remind.com**
- Last but not least, students and parents will be able to access grades through **PowerSchool**.
- **Media:** a complete list of anticipated media is posted online and will be updated through Google Classroom.



### Grades:

- Homework: 10%
- Participation: 25%
- Quizzes: 25%
- Tests, Projects, Papers: 40%