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## American Studies 8

**Objectives of the Course:** Eighth grade students continue their study of United States History from the writing of the Constitution through Reconstruction. Geographic, civics/government, and economics content is integrated within the historical context. Where appropriate, they make comparisons to relevant contemporary issues.

**What you need for this class:**

- a. An 8 ½ by 11 inch notebook, white lined paper, three hole punched and at least 70 sheets.
- b. Pencil or black/blue pen
- c. Cloth or paper book cover
- d. 2 inch three-ring binder

**Textbook:** The American Republic to 1877 by Glencoe/McGraw-Hill (2005)

**Class Format and Assessment Weight:**

**Chapter/Unit Tests:** chapter/unit tests will cover the material within the chapter/unit. Tests may include multiple choice, vocabulary matching, short answer, and essay questions. A chapter or unit test is worth 50% of the chapter or unit grade.

**Chapter/Unit Assignments:** Assignments will include class work and homework. This section of the class includes worksheets, chapter reading, visual presentations, movies, lectures, skits, drawing, writing assignments, group work, and class participation. Students may have homework involving reading, finishing class work, or collecting current events. Chapter/unit assignments are worth 50% of the chapter/unit grade. These assignments will be in the class binder and will be submitted at the conclusion of every chapter/unit of study.

**Extra Credit:** Maximum of 5 % per nine weeks. This will be movies, books, and/or TV shows on topics of study.

**Grading Scale:**

93-100 A	83-86 B	73-76 C	63-66 D
90-92 A-	80-82 B-	70-72 C-	60-62 D-
87-89 B+	77-79 C+	67-69 D+	Below 60 = E

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**Late Work:**

1. Assignments that are one day late will be worth 75% credit
2. Assignments that are more than one day late are worth 50% credit until the end of that 9 week marking period
3. Assignments will be a zero after the 9 week marking period that they were assigned

**Absent Work Procedure:** Student is responsible to ask a fellow student what they missed while absent. Students should see their subject's basket for copies they did not receive due to absence. Some assignments may be found online on Mr. House's web page [www.mrhouse42.weebly.com](http://www.mrhouse42.weebly.com)

**Communication:**

1. Know that you can come to me for help or advice
2. If you have a problem or question:
  - a. Student should set up a time to meet with me to discuss concerns
  - b. If there is no resolution, a parent/guardian should email or call me
  - c. If necessary, a face to face meeting can be scheduled
  - d. If additional discussion or resolution is needed, the parent/guardian should request a meeting with an administrator and me.
3. The most effective way for parents to contact me is through email