P.S. DuPont Middle School

Course Syllabus

Name of Course: US History Department/Team: Social Studies Gifted and Talented

Grade: 8 School Year: 2018-2019

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The course takes a chronological approach to the history of this nation to deliver the state standards in History, Geography, Civics, and Economics. Classes are assigned a textbook, but the bulk of the information will come from a combination of contemporary readings and primary sources. In addition, students will be asked to read short stories throughout the year in conjunction with the content presented in class. Class simulations and role-playing give students a hands-on experience of the topic. This we will cover more extensively at back to school night in September.

**United States History Course topics:**

PREHISTORIC NORTH AMERICA
FEUDAL EUROPE
THE AGE OF EXPLORATION
COLONIZATION
THE COLONIZATION OF NORTH AMERICA
THE CAUSES OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION
THE REVOLUTIONARY WAR
THE MAKING OF A NEW NATION
THE PRESIDENCY OF GEORGE WASHINGTON AND JOHN ADAMS
JEFFERSON'S PRESIDENCY AND THE WAR OF 1812
JAMES MONROE AND JOHN QUINCY ADAMS
JACKSONIAN DEMOCRACY AND SECTIONALISM
THE INDUSTRIAL REVOLUTION AND WESTWARD EXPANSION
ORIGINS OF THE CIVIL WAR

Unit topics are created with respect to the *Delaware Recommended Curriculum for Social Studies.*

Disclaimer: Topics may be added or subtracted to fit time constraints or to respond to the needs of students, the school or district.

RESOURCES

A helpful adjunct to this course is the website **www.mrprokop.com**

Students and parents can refer to this site for:

* Following classroom deadlines
* Acquiring all handouts
* Reviewing Reading Guides associated with our text
* Viewing power points or videos
* Reviewing all classroom policies.

Using the website is helpful for students who miss class or need to review what was done that day. Students will be given log-in and pass code information for the site. Resources will be placed on the site so students may download them at home.

Learning resources utilized during this year will include:

* Primary documents
* Our Textbook: Call to Freedom
* Maps
* Novels (provided by the school)
* Short Stories
* Simulations

Major activities in daily classroom instruction will consist of:

* Power point presentations
* Class discussion
* Simulations and role playing

Grading in the class reflects new district protocols of 70% summative vs 30% formative grading. The grade will be determined by the following components:

a. mean average of all student formative quizzes (30%)

B. mean average of all summative unit examinations (70%)