

U.S & NEW YORK STATE HISTORY COURSE DESCRIPTION:

Our examination of the United States and New York State will be a historical study. Special emphasis will be placed on the themes of conflict and compromise, cause and effect, turning points, audience, purpose, bias, or point of view, historical figures and the role of the government in our daily lives. This course will provide an overall view of the United States government and its citizens and a basic understanding of the responsibilities and functions of each part.

SOCIAL STUDIES SUPPLIES:

- Pen or Pencil

Web Based Platforms:

- Microsoft Teams (**Download on your phone**)
- Edpuzzle
- Castle Learning
- GimKit

REQUIREMENTS:

1. **Homework:** No homework unless you have not finished the assigned essay in class.
2. **Quizzes:** Short quizzes will be given on a regular basis and will normally be announced in advance. If the instructor sees that reading assignments are not being completed pop-quizzes may be assigned in order to ensure that you are prepared for class. **All quizzes will be on Castle Learning.**
3. **Tests:** Tests will be announced at least one class week in advance. Tests will include multiple choice, fill in the blank, short answer, and essay questions. In-class review and study sheets

may or may not be provided. **All tests will be on Castle Learning.**

4. **Class Participation**: You will need to come to class each day with assignments complete and ready to be an engaged participant in our class activities. The worst thing you can do is not participate in class.

IMPORTANT NOTE: Certain class information will be available on the class website at <https://www.yonkerspublicschools.org/Domain/3387> and Microsoft Teams.

ASSISTANCE:

If students need help with homework, essay, tests, quizzes, or other class work be sure to let me know. I will be happy to assist. I am available during school and after school at various times for consultation as well as through email at: JLOTTO@Yonkerspublicschools.org.

GRADING CRITERIA:

- Class Work = 50%
- Tests / Quizzes = 25%
- Essays = 25%

All grades are posted on PowerSchool. Please download PowerSchool on your phone.

Class Rules & Procedures

Background: I am excited about this opportunity to help you uncover important topics dealing with the United States. It is necessary for us to have a classroom where everyone has an opportunity to learn.

Classroom Rules:

These rules do not cover all aspects of classroom behavior that is why we

also have policies and procedures.

1. Respect others
2. Respect learning time
3. Respect ideas of others
4. Respect property
5. Respect yourself

Rewards

Praise (Daily)

A positive learning environment

The joy of learning

Asking a Question: Use the raise your hand and wait to be called on by the teacher.

During Instruction: During instruction you are to be an active participant (participation is part of your overall grade in this course). To be an active participant you must give your undivided attention to the person who has been given permission to speak, ask questions if you don't understand, and answer questions to the best of your ability when called upon. After instruction, make sure you understand the concept. If you don't ask questions by mentioning which part you did not understand.

What To Do If You Are Absent From Class: Make sure that you turn in any assignments that were due during the time you were absent. Check Microsoft Teams. All assignments will be posted on Microsoft Teams. **There are no excuses for not completing or submitting your work.**