**U.S. History**

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**Course Description**

In this 11th grade class we will cover US history from the American Revolution to contemporary times. We will work with the new Common Core State Standards by analyzing primary and secondary sources, annotating, and doing a lot of persuasive writing. In addition, there will be one current events assignment each week called the Article of the Week to help students build background knowledge and stay up to date with the world around them.

**Course Goals**

**Upon completion of this course students will…**

- understand the relationship between the United States and Britain.

- understand the significance of America’s independence and Constitution.

- understand America’s Sphere of influence and Manifest Destiny as it applies to growth of the United States power and territory.

- document the reasons of civil conflict and its consequences.

- analyze the institution of slavery and its effect upon African Americans

- understand the causes and effects of the Populist and Progressive movements

- examine the goals of nationalism and imperialism in the U.S.

- understand the causes, courses, and effects of World War I and World War II

- understand the causes and consequences of the Great Depression

- understand the influence of the Cold War and the breakup of the Soviet Union

**Course Expectations**

- Daily warm up called the “Do Now”

- Participation in class assignments, projects, debates, etc.

- Completion of different projects, both in groups and independently

- Completion of quizzes, tests and final

- Completion of weekly homework called the “Article of the Week”

**Grading Policy**

A 90 – 100%

B 80 – 89%

C 70 – 79%

D 60 – 69%

F 59% and below

**Grading Assessment**

Participation 10%

Do Nows 20%

Tests/Projects 25%

Activities/Assignments 35%

Homework 10%

**Class Website**

For more information about this class, or any of my other classes, visit our class website at kristenq.weebly.com. There you can find my Classroom Rules, our Pacing Guide, any assignments you may have missed, and notes/worksheets that can help you with writing essays. If you have any questions, comments, or concerns feel free to contact me through the class website, or by emailing me at kristen@encompassacademy.org.