*U.S. History (Gr. 11) New West Charter Instructor: Ms. Hynes*

**Course Syllabus and Updated Policies**

**Semester 2**

Teacher’s Message: *Welcome back everyone! I hope that you all had a fun and restful holiday break. What follows is a detailed description of the course outline (including topics and pacing), and a list of updated policies for this class. I’m looking forward to working with each of you again throughout this semester to help you achieve your goals and get the most out of your history class. Please don’t hesitate to come and see me for extra help. I will continue to hold office hours every Tuesday at lunch and after school until 3:00 pm, or, by appointment. I think we’re going to have a great semester together, and I’m so pleased to have been given the opportunity to return as your permanent teacher until the end of the year.*

*-Ms. Hynes ☺*

**Course Outline:**

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| World War I (Jan 5 – 18) | * American power tips the balance * The war at home * Wilson’s 14 points * Spanish flu and Post-War Issues |
| The Roaring 20’s (Jan 19 – 30) | * Economic development * Changing ways of life * Pop Culture * The Harlem Renaissance * 20s Women |
| The Great Depression and New Deal (Jan 31 – Feb 10) | * Economic problems and national effects * Impact of the New Deal * Culture of the 1930s |
| World War II (Feb 13 – 23) | * Rise of dictators and war in Europe * The Holocaust * America joins the war * Europe, North Africa and Pacific * The Home Front |
| Post War Booms and Cold War Conflicts (Feb 24 – March 8) | * Origins of the Cold War * Conflicts and their effect on public consciousness * Two nations on the edge * Pop Culture * American Dream in the 50’s * The Other America |
| New Frontiers (Mar 9 – 17) | * Kennedy and the Cold War * The Great Society * Civil Rights Movement |
| The Vietnam Years: Turmoil and Social Change (Mar 20 – 29) | * War in Vietnam * A nation divided * Legacy of Vietnam * Latino and Native American rights * Second-wave feminism * Culture and counterculture |
| The 70s (March 30 – April 18) | * Renewed push toward conservatism * The Nixon Administration and Watergate * Ford and Carter years * Environmental activism |
| The Conservative Tide (April 19 – May 1) | * Neo-conservatism * Reagan and Bush * Social concerns in the 80s * Pop culture * Foreign policy after the Cold War |
| The 90s and the New Millennium (May 2 – 12) | * New global economy * The Clinton years * Technology and modern life * Changing face of America |
| America in the early 2000s (May 15 – 26) | * Communications and global mobility * The George W. Bush years * 9/11, Iraq and Afghanistan * The 2008 Recession * The Obama years |
| Looking Ahead (May 30 – June 2) | * A new generation * Unity and divisions in America * The fate of a globalized world * Independent study project |
| Preparation and Finals (June 5 – 9) | * Exam review * Finals * Have a great summer!!! ☺ |

**Updated Course Policies:**

**U.S. History Notebook is still required!** Each student is required to bring a notebook or binder to class EVERY DAY! Notebooks will be collected and graded at random, 2-3 times during each semester. The notes taken each class should reflect daily topics and activities and when collected, will be graded according to the attached rubric.

**Quizzes and Tests** will be given with as much notice as possible. If a student is absent for a test or quiz, the student will have two days to schedule and take a make-up test or quiz. A missed test or quiz will be recorded as zero points until a make-up has been taken, graded, and recorded. *(NOTE: Final exams may NOT be made up or re-taken)*

**Weekly Assignment Packets** will continue to be turned in at the end of each week. They will contain all reading, homework and in-class assignments for the week. Please make sure your parent or guardian signs the cover sheet, demonstrating that you have shown them your completed homework for the week.

**Other Assignments:** Some assignments (most of which will not be in your weekly assignment packets) such as projects, debates, presentations and research papers will be announced periodically with as much notice as possible, and turned in separately on their given due date.

**Final Exam** will be given during the last week of class according to the Final Exam schedule. If missed due to absence, the final exam may not be made up after the end of the term unless a student has a valid medical excuse and school administrative approval. If a student knows they will be absent on the day of the Final, the student may arrange to take it before the last week of the class.

**Extra Credit** enrichment assignments or bonus points may be given at various times throughout the semester.

**Class Website:** Daily classroom topics, objectives, materials such as Powerpoint presentations, handouts, videos, photos, and homework assignments will be posted on the class page. Please visit NewWestUSHistory.weebly.com and click on the “College Prep” or “Honors” tab for your class’s page. On this page, you will find all materials used in class, organized by date. At the bottom of the page, you will find an online assignment submission portal which students are welcome and encouraged to use for convenience and less paper waste.

**Office Hours** will continue to be held Tuesday during lunch period, after school until 3:00 pm, or, by individual appointment. Parents and students should feel free and welcome to contact the teacher to schedule a meeting whenever needed. Please email: [MsHynesNewWest@gmail.com](mailto:MsHynesNewWest@gmail.com).

**Other Policies:** Please refer to the New West Charter School website for any policies not mentioned in this document. Visit: <http://newwestcharter.org/school-policies/>

**Updated Grading Breakdown:**

**HONORS:**

**Quizzes 15%**

**In-Class Group Projects/Assignments 10%**

**Individual Papers/Assignments 30%**

**Homework 15%**

**Notebook 10%**

**Final Exam                                         20%**

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**Total                                               100%**

**COLLEGE PREP:**

**Classwork 10%**

**Homework 10%**

**Notebook 10%**

**In-Class Group Projects/Assignments 15%**

**Individual Papers/Assignments 25%**

**Quizzes                                   10%**

**Final Exam 20%**

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