

History of the Americas Syllabus

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History of the Americas is a unique course, which provides in-depth analysis of the entire Western Hemisphere. It is primarily a comparative studies course, which will build upon and branch out from United States history. Of course the reading load for this class is not small and we will be using several texts and packets that focus on historiography. We will also be doing a lot of writing. The IB exam is primarily essay, so it is vital that we continue to write clearly, effectively, and analytically. Music will also play a key role in developing an understanding of the issues we will analyze throughout the year.

TEXTS

PODCASTS WILL BE USED THROUGHOUT THE YEAR-MORE INFORMATION TO FOLLOW

Kennedy-*The American Pageant*

Burns- *Latin America: A Concise Interpretive History*

Newman & Schmalbach: U.S. History: Preparing for the A. P. Exam

Baily-*American Spirit*

Le Feber- *Inevitable Revolutions: The U.S. and Central America*

Excellent site for the U.S. History part of the class: <http://www.historyteacher.net/AHAP/AHAPCourseMainPage.htm>

ORGANIZATION

2 Large spiral notebooks (one for reading notes; one for class notes).

2 Folders (one for handouts; one for returned papers).

YOUR NOTEBOOK IS OF VITAL IMPORTANCE TO YOU. YOU WILL TAKE YOUR IB HISTORY EXAM AT THE END OF YOUR SENIOR YEAR AND IT WILL COVER EVERYTHING YOU STUDIED BOTH YOUR JUNIOR AND SENIOR YEARS.

GRADING

Your grade will be determined this way:

1. Reading quizzes
2. Major tests

3. Projects
4. Essays

COURSE OUTLINE

ALL AP US History Units

THE COLONIAL EXPERIENCE- *Spain, England, some French*

SLAVERY- *Comparative models U.S., Brazil, and Haiti*

INDEPENDENCE- *United States and Latin America*

POLITICAL LEADERSHIP- *in the Americas Jackson vs. Rosas or Francia, for example*

NEOCOLONIALISM IN LATIN AMERICA- *in other words what happened after all the revolutions in Latin America*

MANIFEST DESTINY AND THE UNITED STATES CIVIL WAR- *Impact on surrounding regions and sectionalism as a comparative model*

IMPACT OF IMMIGRATION- *U.S., Canada, Latin America*

20TH CENTURY REVOLUTIONS- *Mexico, Cuba*

U.S. AND CENTRAL AMERICA- *1898-1980's- Lefeber book*

THE GREAT DEPRESSION IN THE AMERICAS

INVOLVEMENT IN WWI AND WWII- *Canada, U.S., Latin America*

U.S. CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT

WOMEN'S MOVEMENT IN THE REGION