

United States and Virginia History Course Syllabus

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Required Materials: The following list items must be with you in class every day that we meet, including CIE periods. This is an 11th grade course, and 11th graders are expected to have the personal management skills to arrive to class prepared to learn.

- 2" binder with dividers and **loose leaf paper**
- Pencil, pen, highlighter
- Index cards w/ rubber band or binder ring
- Agenda or app for recording assignments
- Water bottle

Required Mindset: In school, as in life, you get out what you put in. Asking questions, participating in discussion, and refusing to give up when the work is difficult will take you far. School is not entertainment, but the content **can be** exciting, upsetting, thought-provoking, or humorous. Thus, by investing your attention in your class time you will reap more benefits from the material.

Recommended Habits: When it comes to succeeding in high school, routine is half the battle. Having a plan in place every day to stay organized, keep focused, and reduce stress is an essential practice for 11th graders. As this school year begins, try to incorporate the following into your daily schedule:

- Eat breakfast (You will not be permitted to eat in class.)
- Get enough sleep
- Stay hydrated
- Designate a place to write down reminders
- Designate a work space at home
- Keep your teachers' email addresses handy
- Identify at least 2 safe activities which help you de-stress
- Set a goal (day, week, semester, year, life, etc.)

Turn over for classroom policies and procedures. →

Classroom Policies & Procedures

Starting Class

- Every day we begin with a warm-up which will be projected on the board. If you do not have your binder open to clean paper with a writing implement ready **you will be marked tardy.**

Cell Phones

- While cell phones can be a great asset which we will use on occasion, you should never have your phone visible to yourself or anyone else in the class without my permission.
- If you are using your phone after the bell has rung without my permission, you will get 1 warning (for the entire year). After that I will take it and bring it to the front office for your retrieval.

Absences and Late Work:

- If you are absent, email me at weddelcb@pwcs.edu ASAP to get your missed work. (see attached instructions for sending academic emails)
- Work that is turned in late will receive a 10 point penalty per class period missing.
- INDEX CARDS MAY NOT BE TURNED IN LATE. You may use Quizlet to digitally create and email your cards if necessary.
- Projects may only be turned in late if you have contacted me PRIOR to your absence.
- If you miss a quiz or a test, you are responsible for scheduling a time to make up the work within a week of your absence.
- There is a bin in the back of the classroom with a folder for every class meeting labeled by date. When you have been absent, take what is in the folder to get your make-up work.

Food and Drink:

- In order to encourage you to plan your meals properly, I do not allow food in my classroom unless under special circumstances *with my permission*.
- Bring a water bottle to class so that you can stay hydrated without having to miss essential instructional time.

Bathroom Trips:

- Only one student may leave the room at one time to use the restroom. Please see me if there are special circumstances I should be aware of.

Remediation:

- If you need extra help and would like to meet one on one or in a small group, please email me or speak with me in person at least 1 day in advance to schedule a session.

Classroom Contract

By signing this document you are affirming the following:

- You have read this syllabus in its entirety.
- At least one of your parents or guardians has read this syllabus in its entirety.
- You will arrive to class prepared with the necessary materials.
- You will make an effort to establish habits for success.
- You understand the rules and procedures of the classroom.
- You know that my email address is **weddelcb@pwcs.edu** and that you can contact me at any time with questions or concerns.

Your Name (Print) Your Signature Today's Date

Parent Name (Print) Parent Signature Today's Date

Student Email Address: _____

Parent Email Address(es): _____