**Survey of U.S. History**

Course Guidelines Spring 2017

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**COURSE DESCRIPTION**

This is the general American history survey course for all juniors except those who have chosen to take Advanced Placement U.S. History. *This course provides a chronological look at American society and culture from the Cold War era through present day.* It addresses the major historical issues of this period which include the nature of history and contemporary issues. Successful completion of this course is a **REQUIREMENT** for graduation from Lawrence Free State High School.

**Unit 1:** The Cold War in America

**Unit 2:** The American Civil Rights Movement

**Unit 3:** The Vietnam Conflict

**Unit 4:** Post-Vietnam American Culture & Politics

**Unit 5:** 1990s and Beyond

**GRADING**

Grades will be determined with 70% of the overall grade being from assessments, and 30% from daily assignments. Furthermore, students will earn 3 daily points from being on time, completing assigned bell work, being prepared for class, participating fully, and completing the Ticket To Leave upon departure from the class. There will be weekly review assessments on Fridays worth 10 points each.

**CLASSROOM RULES**

1. **Be Prepared-** Students are to arrive to class on time, bring the appropriate materials (i.e. notebook, writing utensil, textbook).
2. **Respect Yourself and Others-** Students are not permitted to disrespect any fellow class or staff member at any time. Failure to do so will result in consequences depending on severity of incident.
3. **Don’t Interrupt The Learning Process-** At no time shall any student interrupt the classroom routine, whether intentional or not. This also includes the use of electronic devices. iPods, cell phones, video games, etc. are not allowed in the classroom.
4. **Participation-** Each student will be expected to actively participate in all classroom activities. In addition to being the most effective way to learn the material, this will also make the class far more enjoyable for everyone involved.
5. **Set Goals-** Each student is encouraged to set class goals over the course of the semester. Goals can be academic, behavioral, or participatory in nature.

**MAKEUP WORK & TARDIES**

Students are encouraged to attend each class session, but sometimes things can get in the way. I will work with students on an individual, case by case basis to make sure that they are given every opportunity to complete required class work. All late work must be made up by the end of the quarter in which it was assigned.

Tardiness will not be tolerated and the tardy policy of LFSHS will be enforced. Please review your student handbook for the complete tardy policy procedure.

**CHEATING AND PLAGARISM:**

Cheating and plagiarism will not be tolerated. If a student is caught cheating on an exam or quiz, their exam will be taken away and they will be held after class to discuss why they felt the need to cheat. I will also take the liberty to contact that student’s parents.

Plagiarism likewise will not be tolerated. If a student is caught willingly and knowingly plagiarizing another’s work, their parents will be notified and the student will be asked to do the assignment over with the possibility of earning only partial credit.

**TEACHERS RIGHT**

I reserve the right to amend or add any policies to the policies listed above at any point throughout the semester.