Hello future students! My course is not a typical US history class. There are NO EXAMS for this course, but more of a focus on student’s individualized learning experience and personal connections to history, (which means a lot of writing, critical thinking, and personal reflections).

I set very high expectations for my students and I prefer to teach those students that are serious about their education. (This is not a blow-off class). My course is lively, a lot of hard work, and an exciting journey into US History. I promise it is not that boring or scary!

Description: (3 hour course) This course surveys the history of the American people from the pre-Columbian period through the American Civil War, with a particular emphasis on how a sense of community or communities impacted the history of the people inhabiting the region now encompassed in the continental United States. The course will focus on social, economic, and political aspects of American life. We will look at the individual’s experiences in US history, as well as the development of the United States as a world power. My course also includes aspects of women’s history, Latino, African-American, and LGBT history.

Require TEXTBOOKS:

Textbook #01:
A People’s History of the United States by Howard Zinn

Textbook #02:
Online American Yawp Textbook (free online source)
http://www.americanyawp.com/index.html
Method of Evaluation: Tues/Thurs Class

- Attendance/Participation/Class Notes = 200pts
- Teacher-Student Conference: 50pts
- Pre-Unit ORIENTATION Assignment = 50pts
- 5 Discussion Boards at **40 points** each = 200pts
- 16 Online Assignment at **25 points** each = 400pts
- Oral History Project = 50pts
- Final Exam Day = 50pts

TOTAL: 1000 Points

Divided by 10, the total points of 1000 translate to a “100,” 900 points to “90,” 800 points to “80,” and so on.

**Grading Scale:**

- 900 – 1000 A (90 – 100)
- 800 – 899 B (80 – 89)
- 700 – 799 C (70 – 79)
- 600 – 699 D (60 – 59) *Remember a “D” is not transferable to another school.
- 599 and below F (59 and below)

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