



United States History
Billings Central Catholic High School
2016-2017 School Year
Mr. Fairbanks

Name _____
Class Period _____

Introduction

Welcome to your junior year of United States history. Our first semester will concentrate primarily upon the social, political, and economic foundations of American history from the Pre-Columbian era through the Civil War. Second semester we will dive into the many wonderful details of United States history from Reconstruction to the present.

The Student's Responsibilities

- **Show up** – When you walk through the door, you need to have the students' armor (iPad, stylus, keyboard, notebook, pen, pencil, etc.), and you need to be ON TIME.
- **Participate, Participate, Participate** – Wake up, strap in, and hang on for the ride. When you are in room 220, you need to be on your toes and prepared to participate in class discussions, activities, and class notes.
- **Don't blame it on the dog** – Late work will not be accepted without a hand-written, signed, and phone-numbered letter from your parents outlining an incredibly good excuse.
- **Cheating is punishable by burning at the stake** – Not literally, but you get the point.
- **No social loafing** – We will have numerous group projects assigned throughout the year. When you are a part of a group you need to act as if you are the biggest over-achiever there. Don't let others do the work for you!
- **Make arrangements** – If you are absent during a test, it is your responsibility to make arrangements to take the test *on the day after you return or during an agreed upon time*. If you have missed some days, but you are in class the day before the test you will be expected to take the test on the assigned test day.
- **Technology: Use it properly or lose it promptly** – Your iPads are subject to the Student Handbook Agreement, *and they must be used for the right classroom purposes*. Phones will not be allowed during class time since the contents of your screen cannot easily be determined. If you distract yourself by inappropriately using your technology during class time, prepare to Tweet @StudentPoorDecision, #Fairbanks took my gear and won't give it back, #total bummer, because *your technology will be taken and you will earn a Saturday School session!*

Discipline Clause

- **Don't be a rebel without a cause!** – Any infringements upon the rules of order or improper use of technology will result in one of the following (dependent upon your instructor's disposition and level of annoyance):
 - Push-Ups
 - After School Labor Crew
 - Saturday School

Mr. Fairbanks' Responsibilities

- **Pop quizzes will be punishable by burning at the stake** – Your instructor will always give you time to prepare before a graded quiz or test. You will occasionally be given a reading assessment that will help gear our discussions, or be offered as a competition for extra credit.
- **More than just names and dates** – Although much of history does involve the names and dates, we will focus more upon the importance of the "movers and shakers" of history, the importance of events that changed our history, and the various social, political, cultural, economic and religious factors that contributed to American history.
- **Study guides and online notes will be provided** – Make sure you use them!
- **Assessments will vary** – Most of your tests will be a combination of matching, short answer, and some multiple-choice. However, we will also do a number of response essays, group activities, projects and mock trials. Expect more than just a chapter test!

Academic Excellence

Through honesty, integrity, responsibility and perseverance Billings Central Catholic High School will develop lifelong high achieving learners with Christ centered values to serve their global communities.

US History Website: <http://fairbanksonline.net>

Moodle Class Enrollment Password (dependent on your class period):

3rd Period – USHistory3

4th Period – USHistory4

5th Period – USHistory5

The undersigned agree to all of the responsibilities listed above with the understanding that the instructor may change some aspects of the terms listed above as the year progresses.

(Sign your Name) _____