

# US HISTORY

## MS. MAGEE

### COURSE REQUIREMENTS

**Physical and Mental Presence:** Be in class. Be on time to class. Turn your cell phone off. Turn your brain on. Contribute to class conversation regularly. Give good feedback, be reflective, ask thoughtful questions.

**Class Participation:** Class participation will count for a significant portion (approximately 15%) of your grade each quarter. Participation is a key element to success in this class. There are many ways to participate in class: insightful contributions to class dialogue are weighted just as heavily as thoughtfully and respectfully listening to your peers, however, to do well in this class, you must do both!

**Independent Work:** Independent assignments are designed to prepare you for class or give you a chance to think about material previously covered. I do my best not to waste your time with busy work, therefore I have high expectations for your independent effort and thought. Prep-work will be graded in two ways: students earn 1 point for work that is complete and on time; periodically, prep work will be collected and graded (earning up to 4 additional points) for correctness and thoughtfulness. In total, prep work will make up approximately 20% of the total quarter grade.

**Tests and Quizzes:** Tests will occur periodically, usually twice per quarter, at the conclusion of a unit. Tests are closed book and make up approximately 30-40% of the total quarter grade. Short reading or notes quizzes will occur approximately once per week, will be open note (closed internet) and make up approximately 10% of the total quarter grade.

**Major Assignments:** Papers, projects, and other major assignments are due on the due date with no exceptions, regardless of the reason for your absence or missing work. If the assignment is not received on the due date, it will be considered late and penalized (up to one letter grade per day). Major assignments make up approximately 25% of the total quarter grade. **If you know you will have difficulty completing an assignment on time, see me *well in advance* so we can come up with a suitable solution.**

### GRADING

Each assignment will receive a point value based upon its relative importance. To calculate your grade, add all points earned and divide by the total points possible. Aspen will be updated to reflect student work every 2-3 weeks. Each quarter will make up 20% of your final grade, with the midterm and final exams each worth 10% of the final grade.

### CLASSROOM RULES

Be respectful of your classmates, your teachers, substitutes, class materials, and our physical space. More specifically:

- Disagreements are bound to occur. While I encourage you to challenge one another and participate in vigorous dialogue, it is imperative that you listen to and try to understand the views of your classmates.
- The textbook is on loan. If it is lost or damaged, you will be responsible for replacing it.
- Classrooms are shared resources. Clean up after yourselves. Clean up after others.
- Be kind to substitutes.
- Practice academic integrity. Take ownership of your results. Take pride in yourself and your work. Do not lie, cheat, or steal: good rule for school; good rule for life.

### CONTACT INFORMATION

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**Website:** Materials and important links can be found at: <http://www.concordcarlisle.org/kmagee/>. In addition, student assignments and announcements will be communicated through Google Classroom.

**Office Hours:** I am available to meet most E and H blocks, and after school in the Social Studies office (Room 317). That said, please contact me directly if you would like to meet so we don't miss each other. Ask for help when you need it!