

# Edison Academics Syllabus

## United States History Course Description

This course will cover United States history from its pre-colonial period beginning in c. 1492 to the present. It covers all major aspects of American history during that period including: political, diplomatic, intellectual, cultural, economic and social. In addition, the course also aims to help students to put the knowledge and understanding they are gaining into practice through sharpening their oral and written communication skills. This will be achieved in two ways: First, through regular class discussions and occasional assigned oral presentations. Second, through the regular writing of focused essays that require both knowledge and analytical and interpretive skills. Though challenging, this course is extremely important in understanding the United States of America as it exists in the world today.

## Grading

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| 10% Class Participation - Weekly | 30% Homework - 2x per Week                                    |
| 10% Attendance - Daily           | 15% Quizzes - 3 per Quarter                                   |
| 10% Bell Ringers - Daily         | 30% Test - 3 per Quarter<br>5 Week Assessment - 2 per Quarter |

## Academic Expectations

- Students will attend class regularly
- Students will come to class prepared with their tools: pens, pencils, paper
- Students will stay on-task during class giving 100% effort
- Students will do homework assignments on time, prepare for tests
- Students will return all textbooks at the completion of the course

## Absence Responsibility Policy

- Student responsibility for excused absence: inform teacher and the Administrative office of the reason for the absence and the length of time for the absence.
- Students with 9 unexcused absences in a semester will be in danger of failing the course

## Electronic Devices Policy

- Students will have cell phones off during class, no earbuds, no headphones
- Students will have tablets and laptops out only when required for classwork by teacher
- Students may re-charge devices at teacher-approved locations in classroom