

Modesto City Schools Course Information Sheet
Roosevelt Junior High School

Course Title: United States History-8th Grade

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Textbook: Creating America

Major Units of Instruction:

1. Geography
2. Colonial Heritage
3. Road to Independence
4. U.S. Constitution
5. Challenges of the New Nation
6. Expansion of the Nation
7. Division of the North and South
8. Civil War
9. Reconstruction

Grading:

Your grade will be based on points that you earn. The more points you earn, the higher your grade. Below is a breakdown of how you earn points.

- Most Assignments: 10 points
- Notes with completed summary: 5 points
- Quizzes: 15-20 points
- Tests: 30-50 points
- Projects: 50-100 points

Grading Scale:

A=90-100%

B=80-89%

C=70-79%

D=60-69%

F= 0-59%

Homework Policy:

Homework will consist of guided reading assignments specifically assigned by the teacher, as well as assignments not completed in class. You may turn in late assignments for a loss of points, unless your absence is excused. I will only accept assignments for a period of two weeks after the due date.

Interactive Notebook:

As an important part of your grade, you will be keeping a notebook for this class. Your notebook is very important and worth about 40% of your grade. The teacher will collect your notebook after every unit to grade it. In the notebook you will keep notes and specific assignments.

Extra Credit Policy:

Extra Credit will be offered occasionally throughout the school year as part of regular assignments. There is also a large extra credit assignment that a student can complete once per semester.

Modesto City Schools Citizenship and Classroom Rules:

Classroom Rules:

Follow all rules as detailed in the School Handbook. In addition, follow these specific classroom Rules.

1. RESPECT YOURSELF AND OTHERS.

Treat yourself, other students, and school staff the way you would want to be treated. This includes other people's property.

2. BE PREPARED FOR CLASS WHEN THE BELL RINGS.

Students will be in their assigned seats, with materials ready when the bell rings to start class. Failure to do so may result in a tardy.

3. FOLLOW DIRECTIONS THE FIRST TIME THEY ARE GIVEN.

Pay attention when the teacher is giving instructions and remain on task afterwards.

4. YOU ARE NOT EXCUSED UNTIL I EXCUSE YOU.

Be in your seat when the bell rings. The class will not be excused until all students are in their seats.

5. NO FOOD OR GUM ALLOWED IN CLASS.

You may not eat food or chew gum in class. Only exception is water bottles and 1st period breakfast.

Citizenship:

Students earn a citizenship grade based on their behavior in class.

Outstanding Citizenship:

-Continual positive classroom behavior
-No unexcused absences
-No class suspensions or detentions
-1 or less tardies per quarter

Satisfactory Citizenship:

-General positive classroom behavior
-2 or less unexcused absences
-1 or less class suspension
-2 or less class detentions
-3 or less tardies per quarter

Unsatisfactory Citizenship:

-Negative classroom behavior
-3 or more unexcused absences
-2 or more class suspensions
-3 or more class detentions or referrals

Class Detentions:

Students may receive afterschool detentions with the teacher for violating any school or class rules. The students will be given a warning first, but if the behavior continues, then an afterschool detention will be issued.

1st Detention: 15 minutes + parent contact

2nd-3rd Detention: 30 minutes after parent contact

4th+ Detention: 45 minutes after school.

Alternatively, a student may serve detention during lunch or before school with prior approval.

I have read and understand this course information sheet.

Student Signature: _____

Parent Signature: _____