



## LISLE SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

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# LISLE SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL U.S. HISTORY SYLLABUS

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### DEPARTMENT MISSION

A strong and effective Social Studies program helps students make sense of the world in which they live, it allows them to make connections between major ideas and their own lives, and it helps them see themselves as members of the world community. It is the mission of the Lisle District 202 Social Studies Department to utilize the tools of the Common Core to provide students with the historical thinking skills to become good citizens, neighbors, members of society and informed participants on a local, national, and global level. With the culmination of their studies, students will be prepared to successfully navigate the requirements of capstone courses. Social Studies must also help students understand, respect, and appreciate the commonalities and differences that give people character and identity. The complexities of history can only be fully understood within an appreciation and analysis of diversity, multiple perspectives, interconnectedness, interdependence, context and enduring themes.

We as Social Studies teachers will strive to refine our methods, collaborate to coordinate curriculum and general learning philosophies, and stay informed regarding best practices and pedagogical innovation.

### COURSE DESCRIPTION

A one-year required course for juniors. The course work includes a comprehensive examination of United States history. The course work will utilize Common Core literacy tools and writing skills. Students will focus on topics like: America in the world; geography and the environment; and culture and society that students explore throughout the course in order to make connections among historical developments in different times and places. (1 credit)





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### COURSE LEARNING STANDARDS

- Write arguments to support claims in an analysis of substantive topics or texts, using valid reasoning and relevant and sufficient evidence.
- Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
- Conduct short as well as more sustained research projects to answer a question (including a self-generated question) or solve a problem; narrow or broaden the inquiry when appropriate; synthesize multiple sources on the subject, demonstrating understanding of the subject under investigation.
- Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research.
- Cite specific textual evidence to support analysis of primary and secondary sources, attending to such features as the date and origin of the information.
- Evaluate various explanations for actions or events and determine which explanation best accords with textual evidence, acknowledging where the text leaves matters uncertain.
- Integrate and evaluate multiple sources of information presented in diverse formats and media (e.g., visually, quantitatively, as well as in words) in order to address a question or solve a problem.
- Integrate information from diverse sources, both primary and secondary, into a coherent understanding of an idea or event, noting discrepancies among sources.

### COURSE GRADING POLICY

#### **Course Grading**

Your course grade will reflect the following during the course of the semester.:

Summative Assessments- 80%

Formative Assessments- 20%

#### **Overall Semester grade**

80 % Semester grade

20% Semester midterm/ final exam

#### **Grading Disbursement**

A= 90-100

B= 80-89

C= 70-79

D= 60-69

F= 59 and Below





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### LATE WORK POLICY

**Formative Assignments:** All late work must be completed by the **due date**. Anything turned in after the due date up until the **deadline** for late work will receive a maximum grade of 90%.

**Summative Assignments:** All late summative test assessments must be completed by the assigned **deadline date** or they will receive a zero. Arrangements must be made between the student and teacher for an appropriate time usually before or after school or during the student's study hall. All summative project based work must be turned in on the due date for full credit. After the due date the assessment will receive a maximum grade of 90%. If a summative assignment is not completed by the **deadline date** a student will receive a zero.

### COMMUNICATION WITH COURSE TEACHER(S)

- Make an appointment with your teacher before or after school.
- Teachers make every effort to respond to emails and phone calls within 48 hours during the workweek.
- The best way to communicate with teachers is through email; however, if you have not received a response in 48 hours, please resend the email or call their voicemail. Your email may have gone into the spam folder.

### OTHER SUPPORT

- Attend peer tutoring in the Learning Resource Center M, W & F during all study halls.
- Drop in for peer tutoring during lunch periods or before and after school through the Learning Resource Center.

