

The Dragon Academy ~ Course Syllabus 2005~2006

FORM 4 ~ American History **Instructor: Brad Warren M.A. – CHA3U**

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This course traces the social, economic, and political development of the United States from colonial times to the present. Students will examine issues of diversity, identity, and culture that have influenced the country's social and political formation and will consider the implications of its expansion into a global superpower. Students will use critical-thinking and communication skills to determine causal relationships, evaluate multiple perspectives, and present their own points of view. It is expected that those who successfully complete the course will be prepared to sit for the AP American History exam. As a result, the use of primary documents, critical analytical essays and discussions, substantial instructor feedback on document based questions, as well as a strong command of the different ways to understand history and historiography will be features of the course.

Text: *Unfinished Nations*, Alan Brinkley,

Unit 1 September-Early November

American Exceptionalism

Chapter 1: The Meeting of Cultures

Chapter 2: The English "Transplantations"

Chapter 3: Society and Culture in Provincial America

Chapter 4: The Empire Under Strain

Chapter 5: The American Revolution

Chapter 6: The Constitution and the New Republic

Chapter 7: The Jeffersonian Era

Weekly and/or bi-weekly Quizzes

DBQ

Unit Exam

Journals and/or interest papers

Unit 2 November-December

From “The United States are...to the United States is...”

Chapter 8: Varieties of American Nationalism
Chapter 9: Jacksonian America
Chapter 10: America's Economic Revolution
Chapter 11: Cotton, Slavery, and the Old South
Chapter 12: Antebellum Culture and Reform
Chapter 13: The Impending Crisis
Chapter 14: The Civil War

Weekly Quizzes and/or bi-weekly
DBQ
Unit Exam
Journals and/or interest papers

Unit 3: January –February

The Eagle Rises from the Ashes

Chapter 15: Reconstruction and the New South
Chapter 16: The Conquest of the Far West
Chapter 17: Industrial Supremacy
Chapter 18: The Age of the City
Chapter 19: From Stalemate to Crisis

Weekly Quizzes and/or bi-weekly quizzes
DBQ
Unit Exam
Journals and/or interest papers

Unit 4: February to April

Empire Building through Reclaiming Individualism and Equality

Chapter 20: The Imperial Republic
Chapter 21: The Rise of Progressivism
Chapter 22: The Battle for National Reform
Chapter 23: America and the Great War
Chapter 24: The New Era

Weekly Quizzes and/or bi-weekly quizzes

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Unit Exam
journals and/or interest papers

Unit 5: April

Isolationism and Engagement

Chapter 25: The Great Depression
Chapter 26: The New Deal
Chapter 27: The Global Crisis, 1921-1941
Chapter 28: America in a World at War

Weekly Quizzes and/or bi-weekly quizzes
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Unit Exam
Journals and/or interest papers

Unit 6: May-June

The Rise and Fall of American Liberalism: Exceptional no more?

Chapter 29: The Cold War
Chapter 30: The Affluent Society
Chapter 31: The Ordeal of Liberalism
Chapter 32: The Crisis of Authority
Chapter 33: The "Age of Limits"
Chapter 34: Modern Times

Weekly Quizzes and/or bi-weekly quizzes
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Unit Exam
Journals and/or interest papers

Cumulative Exam