

## **MODERN U.S. HISTORY COURSE OUTLINE**

### **Content of the Course**

This course will focus on the past 125 years of American History. As we study these events, we will give extra focus to the connection to the issues that face the country today and how our history could influence the decisions we make today. Units will include the following topics: America Prior to WWII, World War Two – Life on the Homefront, 1950s – Post War Boom, Cold War, Civil Rights Movement, 1960s – New Frontier / Great Society, Vietnam War, 1960s --- Era of Social Change, 1970s – Age of Limits, 1980s – Conservative Tide, and 1990 – World Today

### **Format**

This course will be a student-centered one. Most of our activities will involve you working on a task that asks you to use the content we are covering to come to a conclusion. Because of this format, your participation in class is essential.

I also want to concentrate on working with the content as opposed to learning it. While I hope you will remember some of the people, events, and ideas that we study this year, I am more concerned with developing your ability to analyze the people, events, and ideas we study and come to your own conclusions about them.

Lastly, there are specific skills I want to focus on such as writing, research, and how to examine a source of information, specifically ones from the internet. These are all areas that will be vital to you once you leave Thornton.

### **Assessment**

Over the course of this year, students will be assessed on a combination of in-class and homework. There will be a wide range of types of assignments that will focus on students using the information they have been working with to make an analysis of an issue that faces the United States. Students grades will be calculated using a point system. To ensure success in this class students should be ready to fully immerse themselves in each day of class and assignment. While students' time away from class will be respected, the time that we have together must be solely focused on our work together.

## How to follow our class online and contact me

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