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Deer Valley Unified School District No. 97

BOULDER CREEK HIGH SCHOOL

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***COURSE DESCRIPTION:***

This course is a standards-based survey course of American history from early exploration through the turn of the new millennium. It explores the emergence of our identifiable American character and analyzes the events and issues that led to America’s coming of age. This course is aligned with district and state standards and supports the school-wide efforts to increase student achievement.

***INTERACTIVE STUDENT NOTEBOOK (ISN)* :** All students are required to maintain an ISN, Interactive Student Notebook. The notebook should be a spiral measuring 8.5” x 11” college ruled lines (NO FLIMSY 8”X10” spiral notebook sold for .10 cents at WalMart). ***Mead 5 Stars are a great example of an appropriate size, but feel free to choose any brand you wish as long as it meets the size requirements***. Please do not plan to use these notebooks for any other class. Students are expected to spend the first five minutes of class period completing the TSW, Title, and Vocabulary sections for the daily assignment. Throughout the rest of the class period you are responsible for either taking specific notes or completing an activity in the remaining space. Interactive Notebook checks will occur throughout the week and will be collected for a **test grade** at least once every nine weeks.

***CLASSROOM RULES:***

1. No one has the right to disrupt the learning process, no exceptions!
2. Students are responsible for completing their own work. **Plagiarism, copying, or cheating of any kind will result in an automatic zero on the assignment or test, as well as the appropriate discipline referral.**
3. Be prepared for class every day, this means you need to bring all of your materials and assignments with you. **(Pencil and paper, and notebook will not be provided by the instructor. Textbooks must be brought to class)**
4. All school rules will be enforced including, but not limited to: **no personal electronic devices in class, dress code appropriate attire and the removal of hats in the classroom.**

***CONSEQUENCES:***

1. Consequences will be determined according to the PBIS program policies and procedures. Please familiarize yourself with these in your student handbook.

***LATE WORK:***

***I DO NOT ACCEPT LATE WORK AND I DO NOT GIVE PARTIAL CREDIT FOR LATE WORK. DO NOT COME TO ME DURING THE SEMESTER AND ASK TO MAKE UP MISSING WORK FROM EARLIER IN THE YEAR AS THE ANSWER WILL BE NO. There are several exceptions to this with the ISNs that I will explain in class.***

***MAKE-UP WORK POLICY:***

1. Upon return to class after an absence, a student has one school day for each day missed to make up work/test assigned during his/her absence regardless of the number of days absent. For example, if a student is absent on Thursday and Friday, he/she will have Monday and Tuesday of the following week to make up work and must turn in the work that was assigned during the days absent on Wednesday.
2. Coursework and assessments assigned prior to the absence(s) may still be due on the date assigned. It is the student’s responsibility to check with the instructor immediately upon return for work missed and possible adjustment of due dates. Teachers may choose to schedule an appointment with the student to arrange due dates as needed.
3. All make-up work must be turned into the appropriate basket or file.
4. ***Absent students should check Mr. Pondy’s website for missing assignments.***

***TESTS AND QUIZZES:***

1. Tests will always be announced and will occur approximately every two weeks.
2. Quizzes may be given at any time during the year, with or without warning!
3. Test and quizzes will be made up the day of a student’s return from an absence before or after school or at teacher’s discretion.
4. If you have been absent and you need to make up a test, please be aware that you must make arrangements with coaches, work, parents, rides, or other vested parties to make up the test the day of your return. “I have practice, work...” Is not a valid to put off making up an exam or quiz, it will be entered into the grade book as a zero and you will not be able to make it up.
5. Missed exams will be entered in the gradebook as ZERO until they are made up, this can effect eligibility so be aware!

***LONG TERM PROJECT POLICY:***

Long term projects are assignments given at least two weeks in advance. The teacher will note that the assignment is a long term project in the **written** instructions provided for the students. Long term projects are due on or before the date assigned, even if the student or teacher is absent on the due date. *See the Student Handbook for additional details.*

***REQUIRED MATERIALS FOR CLASS:***

1. One 3 subject spiral notebook measuring 8.5x11 (Mead 5 Star or similar recommended for durability purposes) or two 1 subject spiral notebooks measuring 8.5x11.
2. Colored pencils (box of 12 is fine, more is great too!)
3. 5-10 Glue sticks (you will need these throughout the year, buy them now they are cheap!)
4. 4 highlighters of different colors
5. If you cannot afford the supplies above, see me and I will help you out.

***MISCELLANEOUS POLICIES:***

1. I don’t loan pens, pencils, paper to students. COME TO CLASS PREPARED!
2. Each student will be allowed to use their agenda for a hall pass 5 times during the semester, use them wisely!!!
3. It is ***EASY*** to pass my class with a C or better, it is entirely up to YOU!!!

***FINAL GRADE:***

50% Assessments (Tests, Quizzes, & Projects)

20% Interactive Student Notebooks (ISN)

10% Classwork and participation

20% Final exam – ***All students must take the final exam***

***GRADING SCALE:***

 90% - 100% A 89.9% - 80% B

 79.9% - 70% C 69.9% - 60% D

 59.9% - 0% F

***BOULDER CREEK HIGH SCHOOL ACADEMIC INTEGRITY CODE:***

All students enrolled in American/AZ History will adhere to the framework and guidelines set forth in the Boulder Creek High School Academic Integrity Code. Cheating and Plagiarism will not be tolerated. **The purpose of this code is to promote a positive learning environment for all involved.** As humans, we will make mistakes as we grow. It is understood that we can learn from those mistakes and become better individuals in the future. Any student who violates this code will be referred to the Students Rights and Responsibilities handbook and assignment of appropriate consequences. ***Please refer to the Academic Integrity Code in your student handbook for more details.***

***POWERSCHOOLS ACCESS:***

The Powerschool site allows parents/guardians and students to access the student’s grades, attendance, and other information. If you need your access information, please stop by the front desk during business hours. You will need a photo I.D. The web address is: ps.dvusd.org/public



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***Please return this page by Wednesday August 14, 2013.***

***The syllabus will be attached inside the student’s Interactive Notebook and is also available online.***

**I have read the course syllabus and guidelines for American/AZ History and understand the policies and procedures established for this class by the instructor, Boulder Creek High School, and Deer Valley Unified School District.**

**I also understand that the appropriate and approved accommodations for students with IEPs and 504s will be followed accordingly as prescribed by law.**

**I understand that a student notebook (ISN) is required in class by August 14th and not having one will directly affect my grade.**

**Student Name (Printed) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Class Hour \_\_\_\_**

**Student Signature \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

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