

**CAPITAL H.S.  
U.S. HISTORY  
2017-2018 Syllabus  
Mr. Johnson**

**Philosophy: (Social Studies Department)**

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**Course Scope:**

This course reviews U.S. history from colonial times to the present. The first semester moves from colonial times through World War I. The second semester goes from WWI to the present. Emphasis throughout is on how present situations, policies, and conditions have been shaped by past events and contributions from diverse racial, social, cultural, and economic groups. Students will complete the state required Curriculum Based Assessment.

**Materials Needed:**

Black/Blue Pens  
1" Three Ring Binder

Taking notes is a required participation for this class. The three ring binders will be used to organize daily assignments, notes and homework.

**Rules:**

**No cell phone use during class  
No iPod use during class  
Turn in all assignments completed on time  
Be on time to class, no excuses  
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**Grading Scale**

**90-100% = A**

**80-89% = B**

**70-79% = C**

**60-69% = D**

**59- 0 = F**

**GRADING SYSTEM**

Each quarter grade is worth 42.5 and the semester exam will be counted for 15% of the semester grade. The total points earned at the end of the quarter divided by the total points possible will determine the grade.

The class curriculum will be a combination of lecture notes, daily assignments, map exercises, video presentations, projects, research and quizzes.

For more information on P.I.R.A.T.E.S., research, and writing resources, students and parents are encouraged to visit our school website and search under the Social Studies Department.

Please sign and return the syllabus to Mr. Johnson.

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This course reviews the basic structure of the United States Government and the rights and responsibilities of being a good citizen. We will focus on the rule of government and the rule of law and how it applies to citizen's rights. Students will complete the state required Curriculum Based Assessment.

### **Materials Needed:**

Spiral Notebook  
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1" Three Ring Binder (Journal)

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