

Social Studies

American History

Mr. Armstrong

Team 8-3

Note: Any of the below is subject to change at the instructors consent.

Welcome to American History class! My name is Mr. Armstrong. This will be my fourth year teaching American History at Nagel. I have a BA in American History from The Ohio State University and a Masters of Secondary Education from Xavier University. I currently live in Anderson Township with my wife and three children. I aim to make American History come alive for your student. My hope is that each student will make connections to America's past and that they will grow to appreciate that it's their history not just America's history.

By the end of the course you will have studied American History from before Christopher Columbus through post-Civil War Reconstruction. Students will develop an understanding of the events and ideas that led to the development of the United States and the tumultuous events of its early years. Through out this course we will focus on how these events and ideas affect our lives everyday

Required Materials:

1. Pencils & Pens
2. Loose-leaf paper & Graph paper
3. Social Studies binder and 5 dividers

Course Schedule:

Areas of Study Include: Exploration, Colonization, events that lead to the American Revolution, the American Revolution, the Constitution and Bill of Rights, New Nation, Westward Movement, Slavery, the Causes of the Civil War and Reconstruction.

Social Studies Classroom Expectations:

1. **Always do your homework.** Complete all assignments. Your homework will be graded!
2. **Always do your own work.** There is no group work or collaboration with other students unless Mr. Armstrong says so. Copying the work of others is cheating and is not tolerated by the team or school.
3. **Participate.** The more you participate the more you will get from the class and the better you will do during the year. Speaking in class is much easier when you have completed your homework and have paid attention in class

Helpful Hints:

1. **Always Listen to Directions.** Following directions is a very important part of any class! Directions will be given at the beginning of each activity. Write down all directions so you know what to do.
2. **Always Ask Questions.** Perhaps the most important thing you can do is ask for help when you don't understand something. I check my e-mail regularly in the evening so if you need help please e-mail me. There is no such thing as a stupid question!
3. **Always Try.** Always attempt to answer a question or solve a problem even when you are having trouble.

Types of Graded Work in Social Studies

Tests & Projects

Assessment may occur as a traditional test, or a project. Projects will be accompanied by guidelines and a grading rubric. Students will be given a study guide and/or review for all tests.

Homework

All homework will reinforce what you have learned in class. **All** homework will be graded. Late homework may be accepted with a penalty (unless accompanied by an excused absence or extreme circumstances).

Contact Information:

I can be reached by phone or e-mail at Nagel Middle School:

Phone: (513) 474-5407

E-mail: dan.armstrong@foresthills.edu (preferred method of contact)

Team Site: <http://nagelmiddleschool.net/83/team83.htm>

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any comments or special concerns.

A parent may request a conference at any time during the school year.

I am looking forward to a very productive and rewarding year!

Mr. Armstrong