



## American History 20G

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### Course Description

This course is designed to give students many opportunities to explore areas of personal interest in the history of the United States. As a foundation, students will be challenged to think about what history is and how historians create it. Once an understanding of the discipline is established, a unit on the American Revolution will follow in order to set the historical context and concepts that shape some of the national ethos of the country. From that point, the class will decide on areas of interest for further study as a group and individually.



Unit 1 – What is History?

Unit 2 – The American Revolution

Further Units – Class/Student Selected



### Assessment

Students will be assessed on their level of achievement in relation to the following learning outcomes:

- The student can demonstrate an understanding of the historical significance of major events.
- The student can evaluate the causes and consequences of events by demonstrating an understanding of historical context.
- The student can demonstrate an understanding of history as a discipline and is able to evaluate different historical perspectives.
- The student can draw effective connections demonstrating how the past has helped to shape the present.
- The student can demonstrate an awareness of the values and limitations of particular sources used to construct history.

## **Grade Calculation**

Course Work = 50% (small assignments, participation, “observations and conversations”)

Inquiry Project = 30% (written research project on topic of choice)

Exam OR Final Project\* = 20%

\* Students may choose to attempt a traditional written exam or demonstrate their learning in a fashion of their choosing (in consultation with Mr. Fritzsche). In both cases, the student must demonstrate proficiency in the learning outcomes.

## **Textbook**

We have no physical book. From time to time I will provide links to readings online and on our TEAMS page.

We also have access to a good US History textbook on OpenStax that we will use from time to time:

<https://cnx.org/contents/p7ovuIk1@6.18:gMXC1GEM@7/Introduction>

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## **Contact Information**

**TEAMS** – I will use TEAMS to contact you, post assignments/readings/links, and to provide a daily review of what we did in class. Please check TEAMS frequently to stay on top of what we are up to as a group!

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