United States History 2 Syllabus

School: *Garfield High*

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**Course**: United States History 2 (6702)

**Office hours**: Period 1 (M-F from 8:30 to 9:45)

**Course Description**:

An emphasis is placed on the expanding role of the federal government

and federal courts as well as the continuing tension between the individual and the

state. Students consider the major social problems of our time and trace their causes in

historical events. They learn that the United States has served as a model for other

nations and that the rights and freedoms we enjoy are not accidents, but the results of a

defined set of political principles that are not always basic to citizens of other countries.

Students understand that our rights under the U.S. Constitution are a precious inheritance

that depends on an educated citizenry for their preservation and protection.

**Course Methods**:

1. Readings from the text, which will be supplemented by lectures and notes.
2. Class discussions and projects.
3. Current events and small group activities.
4. Applied other relevant supplemental reading materials.
5. Group / team work.
6. Research.

**Grading Policy**:

            Grades will be based on a total of points accumulated throughout the grading period. All assignments will be given a numerical value and at the end of the grading period, students’ individual points will be divided by the total points possible to arrive at a percentage. The grading scale is as follows:

                                                            90-100% =  A

                                                            80-89%   =  B

                                                            70-79%   =  C

                                                            60-69%   =  D ( below 60%  =  F )

 **Notebook**:

            Each student is required to keep a notebook that will include lecture notes, reading notes, graded assignments, and all handouts.

**Homework**:

            Homework will be assigned nearly everyday, whether it be reading from the text, studying notes, or a written assignment. NOTE: It’s the responsibility of each student to find out and make-up any work missed because of an absence.

**Test and Quizzes**:

            Tests and quizzes will be given periodically throughout the semester. It is the responsibility of each student to be prepared for them.