

Elizabethtown Area High School  
COURSE SYLLABUS

Course: **United States History II**

Textbook: **The Americans**. Evanston IL: McDougal Little, 2005.

Teacher: **Ms. Lisa Shahid**

**COURSE DESCRIPTION:** US History (20<sup>th</sup> Century) is a chronological approach to United States History from the aftermath of World War I to the present. On the domestic front, the Twenties, the Great Depression, the Civil Rights Movement, the Vietnam Period, Watergate, and events which took us from the end of the twentieth century into twenty-first century America will be studied. In addition, students will observe the growing world responsibilities of America as it emerges from post World War I isolationism to a superpower of the fifties, sixties, seventies, eighties and nineties of the twentieth century into the twenty-first century. Students will be expected to take notes as unit materials are presented and will be given unit note packets for this purpose.

**COURSE TOPICS:**

**Emergence of Modern America (1914-1920)**

**The Twenties and the Great Depression**

**World War II and Its Aftermath (1931-1960)**

**Living with Great Turmoil (1954-1975)**

**Passage to a New Century (1968-pres.)**

**Assessment Techniques:**

You may expect that tests/quizzes (announced and unannounced) will be given on a regular basis, usually following a section or chapter. Also, various projects, written papers, essays, oral presentations, video reactions, and article summaries/reactions will be assigned throughout the semester. Homework assignments are expected to be completed on time or late grade deductions will be accrued (25% deduction for each day late)

**Make-up Policy:**

If you are absent for one day, all assignments and tests due or taken on that day are due on the day upon which you return to school. Any assignments or tests/quizzes not turned in or made up within 3 school days of an excused absence will be given a zero ("0") grade. Cases of extended legal absences from school will be dealt with on an individual basis. Illegal absences/tardiness from school will result in a "0" grade on all missed assignments/tests.

**Office Hours:**

Afternoons from 2:45 – 3:30 (unless there is a meeting or other school function I am required to attend)

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