

**Elmwood High School**  
**US History Syllabus**

During this course, we will be examining the nation's political, diplomatic, intellectual, cultural, social and economic history from 1877 to the present. We will begin our year by reviewing American history from colonial times thru Reconstruction.

The following list is a brief outline of the responsibilities & expectations of the student:

**PARTICIPATION** – he students will be expected to share opinions & ideas, debate, discuss, answer questions, and critically think.

\*Makeup work is your responsibility. According to the student handbook, you have 1 day to make up work. If you are absent for more that 10 days, you must make up your work at the next Wednesday detention (or it is a 0). If you do not make up your work in the specified time frame, it is late and graded accordingly.

\*Homework is due at the beginning of the period.

\*\*If it is not done, it may be turned in by the next class period for ½ credit.

\*\*anytime after that, it is a 0.

**BEHAVIOR** – Students are expected to behave properly and follow Elmwood's handbook. Cheating and plagiarism will not be tolerated. Any infraction of any kind, or degree, will result in disciplinary action, parent involvement, & a grade of 0.

**EXAM** – All tests and quizzes will be multiple choice, fill in the blank and essay.

**MATERIALS** – Students will be expected to bring all materials to class every day.

**READING** – Outside reading is expected to be done when assigned. Reading will come from text book, secondary sources texts, on-line readings

**WRITING** – A key component of the course, this includes applying knowledge you know, the knowledge you are given, and critical thinking skills. Your writing will be focused on the following skills:

**Chronological Reasoning**

\*Historical Causation

\*Patterns of Continuity and Change Over Time

\*Periodization

**Comparison and Contextualization**

**Crafting Historical Arguments from Historical Evidence**

**Historical Interpretation and Synthesis**

**GRADING:**

1<sup>st</sup> Nine Weeks Grade = 45%

\* Homework 30%

\* Essays 15%

\* Tests & Quizzes 55%

2<sup>nd</sup> Nine Weeks Grade = 45%

\* Homework 30%

\* Essays 15%

\* Tests & Quizzes 55%

Semester Exam = 10%