



SLCA SYLLABUS 2018-2019

US HISTORY 8

Mission Statement: SouthLake Christian Academy exists for the sake of God's glory and mission; proclaiming the gospel and discipling the whole person in all aspects of God's reality.

Course Description: United States History is taught from a conservative Christian perspective that shows God's sovereignty in our nation. Students will examine fundamental traits of Americanism—the American dream, limited government, popular culture, the free enterprise economy—and how they have changed over the nation's history. Students will analyze continuity and change in six spheres of activity—politics, economics, religion, society, science, and arts. Students will analyze foreign relations, including past wars and roots of modern foreign policy. Students will see God's supervision of American church history and how God's people have interacted with secular society.

Course Objectives:

1. Examine the Colonial period of our Nation
2. Discuss causes of the American Revolution
3. Examine the *Constitution* and the *Bill of Rights*
4. Analyze factors leading to our nation's growth
5. Recognize the issues and major people/events leading up to and including the Civil War
6. Outline the plan of Reconstruction
7. Witness the impact of the Gilded Age
8. List the causes of World War I
9. Discuss the causes of the Great Depression
10. Examine America's role in World War II

Required Text: History Alive! The United States through Modern Times (Teachers Curriculum Institute). This text is provided by Southlake Christian Academy.

Evaluation:

1. Homework and class work will make up 10% of the overall grade. Homework will be assigned and checked for completion. All students begin the semester with a 100% homework grade. For each assignment not completed, 3 points will be subtracted. For example, if three homework assignments are not completed, then the overall homework grade would be 91%. No credit will be given for late assignments.
2. Quizzes will make up 20% of the grade. Any time a reading assignment is given; there is a possibility for a quiz on that material the next day. Quizzes other than reading comprehension will be announced.
3. The average of all tests will make up 70% of the grade and will generally cover one chapter of material. Each nine weeks will consist of at least three tests.
4. History projects assigned will count as a test grade due to the amount of work involved. There will be at least two projects assigned that will be graded as a test and entered into the 70% category.
5. No extra credit will be offered per school policy.

Classroom Expectations:

- Follow all rules and procedures in the SouthLake Student Handbook.
- Respect your teacher and other students. Matthew 7:12
- Come prepared with your textbook, paper, and writing utensil. I Timothy 6: 18-19
- Be diligent in your work. Colossians 3: 23-24
- Display academic honesty. Proverbs 12:17-22

Required Supplies:

1. Folder
2. College ruled paper
3. Colored pencils (twistable)*
4. Highlighters (1 pack, assorted colors)
5. Scissors*
6. 4 pack glue (glue sticks only, please no liquid glue)*
7. Pen and pencil

*One set per child, to be shared between 8th grade classrooms