**Marion High School**

The American Experience/US History - Course Syllabus 2023/24

**Course title – The American Experience and US History**

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**WELCOME SCHOLARS! My name is Mr. Strainge and I am so very happy that you will be a part of our class this year. My pledge to you is that I will work as hard as I can to make American History come to life and to help you be successful in this class. My JOB is to help you along the way and to support you throughout the school year. Together we will work for success in all that we do. I look forward to the next 180 days and all that it will bring!**

**Course Description: United States History** – The study of this course begins with the Colonial Era of American History and continues as deep into the 20th century as possible. The curriculum will use information and skills-based delivery to analyze the events, people and trends present in the history of the United States. Students will be asked to join in classroom discussions, read texts and other materials in and outside of class, complete long-term projects, think creatively, present learning to the class, and write extensively.

**The basis of the course will be the South Carolina Standards for US History and The Constitution (EOCEP).**

* **Required Course Materials:**

**Notebook/Notebook paper**

**3 ring binder**

**Pen**

* **Grading Procedures / Rationale:**

We will be using a standard 0-100% grading system with each assignment falling into one of the following categories:

Classwork/Homework 10%

Quizzes 10%

Writing Assignments 15%

Projects 25%

Summative Assessments 40%

* **Absent/Make Up Work/Late Work**

All assignments will be posted both on Schoology and PowerSchool. Each will be clearly marked as to which category it will fall in and will include both the assignment and due dates. If you are absent, you will have 48 hours to complete the make-up work. YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR GETTING THE MISSING WORK. Late work without reasonable cause will be marked down two points per day past the due date and will go no lower than 50%. PLEASE SEE ME TO DISCUSS ANY LATE WORK!

ALL WORK THAT IS NOT COMPLETED DIGITALLY IS TO BE TURNED IN TO THE BINS IN THE FRONT OF THE CLASSROOM.

**STUDENT EXPECTATIONS**

1. **Take pride in your work**
2. **Bring your best to our class each day**
3. **Give your best effort on all assignments**
4. **Know your responsibilities and find joy in carrying them out**
5. **Lend a helping hand whenever you can**
6. **Speak and act respectfully towards all others in the room at all times**
7. **Serve as role models for the younger students**
8. **Work cooperatively**
9. **Show respect for all school property**
10. **Strive to create a positive atmosphere in our class**

**Please be advised that all policies and procedures pertaining to student behavior and discipline as described in the student handbook will be enforced. Please make sure you read and familiarize yourself with the handbook and abide by those expectations of behavior.**

**If you or your parents have any questions, please do not hesitate to call or write!**

**I have read and understand this syllabus.**

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