

US History and Government

Mrs. Petrella and Ms. Finsmith

Welcome to US History and junior year! Please read the following information so that you know what is expected throughout the coming year. Both the student and parent should sign the agreement form on the second sheet and return to us no later than **Friday, September 13th**.

Course Introduction

US History is a full year course designed to provide students with a culminating survey of the major forces in their nation’s history. By examining a series of “civic issues” in our nation’s past, students should develop an understanding of basic constitutional issues and principles, as well as, the cultural heritage upon which our nation is founded.

Students are expected to complete the assigned class work, homework, and pass course exams.

*** Students must pass this course in order to be eligible for a high school diploma and graduation.***

Regents Exam

Part I – contains 28 multiple choice
 Part II – contains 2 short essays
 Part III – contains 1 civic literacy essay

TBD if the Regents score will count in the final average

Website:

<http://www.wappingersschools.org//Domain/1181>
<http://www.wappingersschools.org//Domain/1309>

Materials

Loose-leaf 3 ring Binder (and looseleaf)

– students are expected to keep a binder for US History which is to be kept in order and brought to class each day.

Marble Notebook

Pens (blue or black ink)

Grading: Points Based

Tests (50-100pts)

Projects/Quizzes (25-100pts)

Classwork/Homework (10-25)

Participation (5pts)

How to succeed in US History

If you come to class with a positive attitude, complete your work with care, participate in class, and see us if extra help is needed you will do well in this course. Remember, we are here to help you, not hurt your grade, but you need to do your part in order to succeed!!

Parents: Feel free to contact us with any questions or concerns you may have. We can be contacted at Alyson.Petrella@wcsdny.org or 897-6700 ext 30062 and Rena.Finsmith@wcsdny.org or 897-6700 ext 30088. **E-mail is best** as our extensions are office phones. Please sign up for “Remind” for assignment updates; see the following page for directions.

Be on time - in your seat and ready to work **before** the bell rings.

Classroom Expectations

Chromebooks must be brought to class daily and **MUST BE FULLY CHARGED**. Students are expected to be on task for the entire period.

Cheating will result in a zero and a call home. The use of **AI** to complete work is considered cheating unless use is directed by the teacher.

Homework – 1-3 assignments per week. Homework will be collected, graded, and included as part of the course grade. All homework should be turned in on time. Any late work that is not reviewed or discussed in class **may be accepted for half credit**.

Respect - us, your classmates, and yourself. Put downs, inappropriate language, and negative comments will **NOT** be tolerated.

Cell phones are not permitted in class unless teacher directed. As per pg. 13 of the code of conduct: The use of cell phones without permission will result in a referral prompting the use of “lockable phone pouches”.

Air pods must be removed from ears at all times.

Make up work - If you missed school for either illness or a family emergency, you will have **3 days** from when you return to make up any missed work. **YOU** are responsible to obtain any missed work; **CALL GUIDANCE** and they will notify teachers and gather work to be picked up. Students will not be allowed to make up work for illegal absences.

Testing – Advanced warning will be given for unit exams and quizzes.

Project: 10 points off each day late.

Extra Help – Mrs. Petrella and Ms. Finsmith are in room 225 by 7:15am daily. We are also available after school by appointment. If you have any questions/concerns please feel free to come and see us.

*** If you are LEGALLY absent for a test, it is YOUR RESPONSIBILITY to check with us. You are then to take the exam at the TEST TABLE during a free period within 3 days of your return. After 3 days a score of ZERO will be given*. See us if you have no free period.**

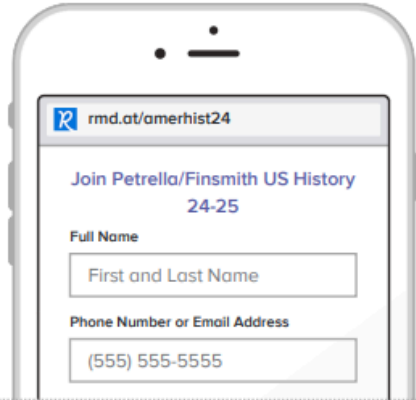
Pick a way to receive messages for **Petrella/Finsmith US History 24-25**:

A If you have a smartphone, get push notifications.

On your iPhone or Android phone, open your web browser and go to the following link:

rmd.at/amerhist24

Follow the instructions to sign up for Remind. You'll be prompted to download the mobile app.

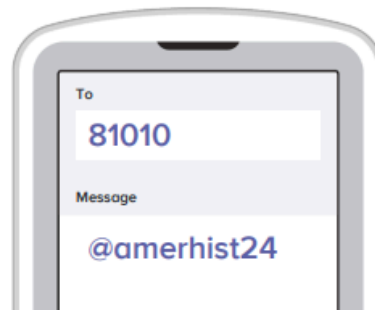


B If you don't have a smartphone, get text notifications.

Text the message @amerhist24 to the number 81010.

If you're having trouble with 81010, try texting @amerhist24 to (510) 478-9062.

* Standard text message rates apply.



Please sign and return, signifying you have read the course information provided, no later than Friday, 9/13.

Student Name: _____ Student Signature: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

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Please provide us with the **telephone number** or **e-mail address** that is best to contact you at in regard to your child's progress in this course.
