

Advanced Placement U.S. History Contract

The Advanced Placement (AP) United States History course offered at Cloverleaf requires commitment on the part of the enrolled students. AP United States History is designed for the advanced student of history. It is an interesting but challenging class. AP United States History is an elective class and no one is required to take it. Only serious students willing to work hard should apply. It is essential to understand and accept that a lot of hard work and a significant time commitment are needed in order to succeed in this class. Because of these higher requirements, grades given in an AP class are "weighted." This means that a grade is worth more when calculating a student's G.P.A. than in a standard class. For example, a grade of "B" in a class normally is assigned a G.P.A. of 3.0. But with AP, the G.P.A. is weighted a full point higher, to 4.0. If students are not able or willing to meet these requirements, they will be reassigned to another course with no weighting of their grade. **Due to financial planning on the part of the school and course planning on the part of the teacher, once a student and his/her parents have committed to the AP United States History course they will not be allowed to drop the course unless there is a severe mitigating circumstance. Students and parents must read and sign the AP Contract, with the understanding that the student could be dropped from AP United States History with an 'F' for the semester if the contract is broken.**

Students must be willing to complete summer reading and assignments by the first day of class in the fall trimester as a requirement of this course. Failure to do so will result in an appropriate lowered grade.

- Students will not drop out of the course once this agreement is signed.
- Students must have solid writing skills, including the ability to compose essays that demonstrate critical and conceptual thinking on the students' part, as well as research skills.
- Students must be ready to handle approximately forty-five minutes to an hour of homework each day.
- Students will keep current with the reading and be prepared for class on a daily basis.
- Academic integrity and ethics will be enforced. Plagiarism, cheating, and other actions that the instructor feels are a violation of a standard level of academic integrity will result in the student being referred to the office with a recommendation from the teacher that the student may be removed from the course and other disciplinary action being taken.

Those students receiving a "C-" or lower during the first interim report will be placed on probation for the remainder of the trimester. A student receiving a "C-" or lower grade for a trimester will be transferred to the next level of the class. Students must continue to meet this standard in order to continue in the Honors and AP courses. (See Cloverleaf Course Registration Guide 2007-2008)

By signing this contract the students and their parents demonstrate that they acknowledge and understand the requirements and expectations of the AP United States History Course and agree to be bound by the terms here within. **Contracts are due to Mr. Flint no later than: 5/31.**

Student's Signature _____ Date _____

Parent of Guardian's Signature _____ Date _____

Teacher's Signature _____ Date _____