



*Dr. Taylor's AP United States History Class*

**Dear Parents and Students,**

**Welcome back to school for an exciting semester of learning and welcome to the Panther family. What follows is a list of rules, grading system, supplies needed for this class, how to access the internet to see if there are any assignments for the day, and the topics to be covered in the first nine-week period.**

**If you have Internet access, please list your e-mail address. This is usually the best method of communication. Also, students will be receiving information soon that will allow them to access their class period's Canvas site. On this website, you will be able to find the activities and assignments. If you have any concerns or questions, please contact me by using the following e-mail address: [mctaylor@volusia.k12.fl.us](mailto:mctaylor@volusia.k12.fl.us).**

**Sincerely,  
Dr. Taylor**

**I. Classroom Rules and Expectations**

- Come prepared to class**
- Be on time to class**
- Headphones OUT**
- Cell phones put away**
- Do the work**
- Respect others**
- Listen**
- Clean up after yourself**
- Take personal responsibility**
- Stay seated until the bell**

**Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_**

**Parent email address: \_\_\_\_\_**

**Student signature: \_\_\_\_\_**

## **II. Grading System**

### **A. The state system for assigning grades is as follows:**

<b>90-100</b>	<b>A</b>
<b>80-89</b>	<b>B</b>
<b>70-79</b>	<b>C</b>
<b>60-69</b>	<b>D</b>
<b>0-59</b>	<b>F</b>

### **B. Grades will be based on the following weights:**

- Diagnostic Assessments 0%**
- Formative Assessments 40%**
- Summative Assessments 60%**

## **III. Supplies Needed For Class**

- a. Binder**
- b. Dividers (Pack of 8)**
- c. 3-4 different colors of highlighters**
- d. Pencils/blue or black pens (not neon colors)**
- e. Paper**
- f. Cheap earbuds w/microphone**
- g. Glue sticks**
- h. Small handheld pencil sharpener**
- i. One box of Kleenex or facial tissue (optional and greatly appreciated)**
- j. One pack of copy paper (optional and greatly appreciated)**

## **IV. First Semester Syllabus**

- a. First Nine Weeks of Class**
  - i. Period 1: 1491-1607 Pre-Columbian Societies**
  - ii. Period 2: 1607-1754 Colonization to Revolution**
  - iii. Period 3: 1754-1800 Revolution to Constitution**
- b. Second Nine Weeks of Class**
  - i. Period 4: 1800-1848 Birth of a New Nation**
  - ii. Period 5: 1844-1877 A Nation Divided**
- c. Third Nine Weeks of Class**
  - i. Period 6: 1865-1898 Imperialism and Industrialization**
  - ii. Period 7: 1898-1945 Progressivism through World War II**
- d. Fourth Nine Weeks of Class**
  - i. Period 8: 1945-1980 Cold War**
  - ii. Period 9: 1980-Present Modern America**
  - iii. Review for AP Exam/EOC**