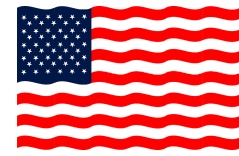


U.S. History



Teacher: Beth Troyer

Tuition:\$80/semester

Course Description: This course satisfies the graduation requirement for one credit of U.S. history. The goal of this U.S. History survey is to learn more than just the facts of our nation's history. Instead, students will analyze history and make connections between historical and current events within the framework of a Biblical worldview while learning to recognize other worldviews and historical patterns. Rather than cramming names and dates into their short-term memory, students will develop critical thinking, research, and communication skills through written homework assignments based on classroom discussions and their own reading and research. Students will collaborate on a digital timeline to learn the significant Whos, Whats, Whens, and Wheres and grasp the broad sweep of historical events. Students will also learn local and regional history in the context of our national history.

Requirements and Expectations: This college-prep course is designed for 11th and 12th grades, although sophomores with proficient writing skills and diligent study habits have succeeded in this class. I do not assign fill-in-the-blank, matching, or multiple choice-type exercises, and I do not give in-class tests. Weekly homework assignments will require writing. Students need to be competent in writing essays. Students **must** have access to a reliable printer and **must** have reliable internet access for both web-based research and their timeline project. Students can expect to spend at least four to five hours per week outside of class to complete assignments. I will use an online grading system so that parents can monitor their student's progress.

Textbook: Materials for this class will be almost entirely web-based. Students will not need a printed textbook. Instead, students will read *U.S. History: Pre-Columbian to the New Millennium*, a free textbook published online by the Independence Hall Association at ushistory.org. This digital textbook has many advantages: it is current with contributions from distinguished historians; every page includes links to relevant and engaging websites for further research; it weighs and costs nothing!