

Texas History Syllabus



Dear Parents,

I will be your child's Texas History teacher this school year. As we matriculate through the school year we will be covering a variety of topics. Our goal during this year is to cover the time period of Native Americans of Texas through Contemporary Texas. In order to guarantee your child and all students in my classroom the educational climate they deserve, we have developed the following Classroom Discipline Policy. While in class the following standards apply:

- Work All Class
- Order in the Classroom
- Respect Yourself and Others
- Let Others Learn
- Every Class, all Materials
- You are Responsible for Your Actions

Materials Needed:

Each student will need a **one** subject spiral notebook and bring it to class each day.

Texas History Website: <http://worleytxhistory.weebly.com/>

What will you find on our website?

- ***Lesson Plans** – parents and students can see what is taking place in the classroom that week
- ***Assignments** – if students lose or forget their assignments, they can print off another copy
- ***Textbook** – the textbook is online so students have access to it from anywhere
- ***Tutoring Schedule** – in case students have questions, need help, or need to retake a test or quiz
- ***Resources** – teacher contact information, syllabus, study/project links, Remind sign-up

Remind:

What's Remind? Remind is a simple way for you to stay up-to-date with what's happening in class. By joining your teacher's class on Remind, you're choosing to receive class messages via push notifications, SMS, or email. Don't worry; your phone number will not be shared with the teacher or anyone else in the class. Directions to sign up will be handed out in class or you can find directions on our website. Even if you do not sign-up for Remind, a link is on our website so you can keep up-to-date with events that way.

Available Support Services:

Tutoring will be available before school with individual teachers from 8:15 – 8:40. If your teacher is not available another Texas History teacher will be. Tutorials provide an opportunity for students to get clarification on assignments, one-on-one assistance, and help studying for tests or quizzes.

Correction Policy:

In accordance with grading guidelines, a student shall be permitted a reasonable opportunity to retake a test or quiz for which the student received a failing grade. The highest grade you can receive on a retake is a 70.

-Students will have **5 school days** from point of notification of failure to retake the quiz or test (Notification can be - informed verbally, returned assignment, or posting of grade in skyward).

-Students will be required to come into teacher morning tutorials for retakes.

-All retakes or redo of assignments must be completed prior to the end of each six weeks grading period.

Grading Procedures:

Tests/Projects - 40%

Daily Work/ Homework - 40%

Quizzes – 20%

*Any form of academic dishonesty, such as cheating or plagiarism will result in a grade of zero. These assignments cannot be corrected or made up in any way.

Late Work:

Students may be assessed a penalty of no more than 15 points per day for up to three days before a zero may be given for work not turned in on time.

*A student will have one class day to make up any work missed during an excused absence unless alternative arrangements have been made with the teacher.

Classroom participation is encouraged as many of the activities are student driven. Also, the Texas History Department watches some of the following movies throughout each school year, which varies per teacher:

“Dances with Wolves”, which has been edited, is about Native American Life

“The Alamo”, which is about the Battle of the Alamo.

“The Great Debaters” is a movie about the civil rights movement.

“The Cowboys”, is about cattle drives and life as a ranch hand.

*As well as several other documentary based programs concerning the topics discussed throughout the school year in Texas History.

Extra Credit:

If a student would like to earn extra credit, they can visit any museum of history and write a paper about the experience. Stipulations to earn credit: the museum must be attended **during** the school year, students must provide proof of attendance (pictures are fine), and write a paper on what they learned from their visit. Keep in mind the better the write-up, the better the extra credit.

The Worley Middle School 7th grade Texas history department believes that communication between teacher, parent, and student is crucial to achieving our ultimate goal, which is student success. In order to have the greatest possible effect I need your support. Please discuss the syllabus with your child and complete your portion of the attached form. Any questions or concerns please don't hesitate to contact us.

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