# The American Experience

## Classroom Info

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**Description:** Through an inquiry-based study of American narratives using artifacts (novels, films, poems, primary source documents, short stories, and others), The American Experience integrates the disciplines of English and Social Studies. Key questions about the American experience help unify the course by erasing disciplinary distinctions between Social Studies and English; attempting to answer these key questions, students — and instructors — pursue a

larger understanding of what it means to be an American. Learning activities include reading, research, composition,

reflection, and oral presentation, in both individual and collaborative modes.

#### **OVERVIEW OF COURSE WORK:**

All work is graded on a point system. Classwork is roughly 50% of the overall grade, with approximately 50% for tests. (The Final is worth roughly 20% of the semester grade). Grades are determined by dividing the total number of points you have achieved by the total number of points possible. Grades will be determined on a cumulative basis for the entire semester.

#### **PARTICIPATION POINTS:**

Students receive 3 participation points each day. These points are worth roughly one grade. Points will be deducted for non-academic behavior such as low levels of participation, excessive chatting, 'phone use, eating, tardiness, profanity, classroom disruption or insubordination. Excessive tardies will result in after school detention; failing to attend detention will result in a zero for that day's work.

#### **ATTENDANCE**

- A. Truants unable to make-up work assigned on that day.
- B. **Tardies** lose that day's participation points. Excessive tardies will result in after school detention; failing to attend detention will result in a zero for that day's work.

### **MAKE UP POLICY and LATE WORK:**

#### Classwork

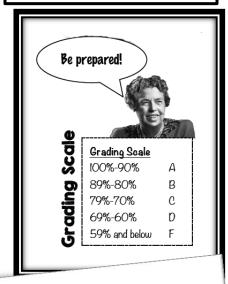
Late work (not excused absence) may be turned in for 50% credit within a week (3 classes) of the due date. Students must come to me to request submission for work more than one week late and **must have a valid reason** for being so late. **No late work will be accepted after a grading period has passed.** 

#### **Chapter & Unit Tests**

Students must take a test within 2 classes of coming back to class. Half credit will be awarded for tests made up more than 2 classes after coming back to class.

## Class Materials

- Pencils & pens
- Colored pencils
- Highlighters
- Notebook & binder
- Glue or tape



Grade Percentages	
Classwork/Homework	30%
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Tests and Quizzes	25%
Classroom Projects	-
Midterm/Final Exam	10%
	10%
Participation	100%
Semester Points	100.