

Mr. Cromie | Room 101 | US History | Summer School 2011

“The only thing we have to fear is fear itself”

– Franklin Delano Roosevelt
32nd President of the United States (1882-1945)

Welcome to our US History class! It is my honor to be with you this summer and I want you to know that I take my job here very seriously. I will expect you to take your job just as seriously while we are together.

Guidelines and Expectations

This classroom is like a second home for me. As such, I need to feel comfortable and respected in order to do my job (teach) most effectively. I also understand that each of you needs to feel the same way in order to do your job (learn) most effectively. To simplify things, I have organized our class according to three **guiding principles**:

- **Respect** – Always show respect for yourself, your peers, your teachers, your school, and your community.
- **Honesty** – Always act in a truthful manner.
- **Preparedness** – Be ready to work hard and participate in class. Be professional.

Remember: We are here to support and cooperate with one another. We can choose to create our classroom learning environment in a positive way or in a negative way. The choice is up to us. Let’s choose wisely!

Syllabus

It is my firm belief that we cannot fully understand where we are and where we are headed unless we know where we have been. Our curriculum (textbook, worksheets, lectures, learning activities, etc.) is designed to help each of us in this quest for understanding.

Week 1: World War II

Ch 26: The Clouds of War

Ch 27: A World Conflict

Week 2: Postwar Problems

Ch 28: Truman: Neither Way nor Peace

Chapter 29: Eisenhower, Moderate Republican

Chapter 30: Mobile People and Magic Machines

Week 3: Turbulent Times

Chapter 31: Years of Hope and Promise

Chapter 32: LBJ: From the Great Society to Vietnam

Chapter 33: The Rise and Fall of Richard Nixon

Chapter 34: In Pursuit of Civil Rights for All

Materials

- ❑ An agenda planner or calendar for keeping track of assignments
- ❑ A notebook (will be checked for credit periodically)
- ❑ Extra loose writing paper for written assignments
- ❑ 3 writing utensils (can be pens, pencils & a sharpener, mechanical pencils, etc.)

Grading

Your **grade** is based on **effort** and **achievement** per unit and will be broken down (approximately) as follows:

Grade Breakdown		Grading Scale	
50%	Assessments	93% - 100% = A	73% - 76% = C
30%	Chapter Worksheet Packets	90% - 92% = A-	70% - 72% = C-
20%	Lecture Notes	87% - 89% = B+	67% - 69% = D+
		83% - 86% = B	63% - 66% = D
		80% - 82% = B-	60% - 62% = D-
		77% - 79% = C+	Below 60% = F

Textbooks

Please cover your textbooks and refrain from writing in them – you will be fined by the library if you return them in worse condition than you received them. We will use our textbooks in class every day.

Miscellaneous

✓ In room 101 we observe the same policies regarding cell phones and mp3 players as you find in other classes at Buena High School. Turn them off and keep them away during class. Education Code 48901.5 states that:

ALL electronic devices of ANY kind (including IPODs, MP3s, cell phones, CD players, etc.) are NOT to be ON during instructional time. This includes in the office, classroom, library, career center, auditorium, gymnasium, on the field or court, during assemblies and rallies, etc. If they are seen in use during any venue, they will be confiscated! They may be used before school, passing periods, break and lunch ONLY while outside of buildings.

Infractions of this rule will result in confiscation of your electronic device/s. They will be returned to you after school on the second offense and to your parents only on succeeding offenses. The only exception to this rule will be in the event of a natural disaster or dire emergency. **Buena High School is NOT responsible for confiscated phones or electronic devices that are lost or stolen.**

- **First Offense:** Teacher warning
- **Second Offense:** Give device (with name of the student) to the appropriate assistant principal and he/she will handle the discipline.
- **Third Offense:** Student should be sent to appropriate Assistant Principal for appropriate action.
- **Fourth Offense:** A student who violates policy may be prohibited from possessing a personal electronic device at school or school-related events. Student may be suspended.

✓ Keep the classroom clean. This means that you must properly dispose of any food, gum, candy, or sticky drinks that may attract ants or other pests upon entering the classroom.

Attendance and Discipline

Participation in summer school is a privilege and can be revoked at any time due to attendance issues or disruptive behavior. You must be on time each and every day - the summer term is too short to allow for more than the absolute minimum amount of missed class time. Due to this reality, interruptions and disruptions simply will not be tolerated. You will have one warning before you are dropped from the class.

As per administrative policy:

- Students will be granted 2 days or 8 hours absence.
- Any tardy that is 10 minutes or more counts as a complete hour; otherwise, 3 tardies = 1 hour.

Communication

I believe that communication between teachers, parents, and students is essential in making sure that we remain connected and working towards our common goals. Please feel free to contact me at anytime by phone **(805) 289-1826 ext. 2201** or email **Michael.Cromie@venturausd.org**. You can also learn more about Mr. Cromie and stay informed by visiting **<http://www.MrCromie.net>**

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Signatures

Student

I have read the classroom guidelines and expectations and understand them. I will honor them while in room 101.

Signature _____

PRINTED: _____

Date: _____

Parent

My student has discussed the classroom guidelines and expectations with me. I understand them and will support them.

Signature _____

Date: _____

Teacher

I will be fair and consistent in following the guidelines and policies for room 101.

Signature _____

Date: _____

Use the space below to write 3 questions about the syllabus. I will do my best to clarify during the first few days of class.