Montclair High School
Course Syllabus

Department: Social Studies
Course: US History I High Honors
Level: High Honors
Credits: 5

Course Description:
Through this course we will explore American history in an exciting and intensive manner. US History I is an exploration of American history from early European contact in the Americas, to the dawn of “modern America” at the end of the 19th Century. We will look deeply into history’s events and consider them from a variety of perspectives to understand and analyze how our nation progressed, both domestically and internationally.

Standards:
6.1.12.1 Colonization & Settlement
6.1.12.2 Revolution & the New Nation
6.1.12.3 Expansion & Reform
6.1.12.4 Civil War & Reconstruction
6.3.12 Active Citizenship in the 21st Century

Anchor Text(s):
• Title: The American Pageant
• Publisher/Author: Houghton Mifflin Company/Kennedy, Cohen & Bailey
• Edition/Year: 12th ed/2001
• ISBN: 978-0618103492

Supplementary Materials:
Maps, charts, primary and secondary materials, topical readings, films, documentaries, and other materials relevant to the units being covered

Units of Study:
1491-1607: Pre-Columbian contacts in North America
1607-1754: British Colonies
1754-1800: American Independence
1800-1848: Developing American Democracy
1848-1877: American Expansion, Slavery & Civil War

• Proficiencies:
• By the end of this course, students will:
• Explain how ideas about democracy, freedom and individualism found expression in the development of cultural values, political institutions, and American identity.
• Explain how interpretations of the Constitution and debates over rights, liberties, and definitions of citizenship have affected American values, politics, and society.
• Explain how philosophical and scientific ideas have developed and shaped society and institutions.
• Explain how popular movements, reform efforts, and activist groups have sought to change American society and institutions.

**Evaluation & Assessment:**
- Tests & Quizzes 55%
- Papers & Projects 30%
- Homework & Other assignments 15%