

# 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 19<sup>th</sup> 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 21<sup>st</sup> Century

### **Anchor Text(s):**

- Title: The American Pageant
- Publisher/Author: Houghton Mifflin Company/Kennedy, Cohen & Bailey
- Edition/Year: 12<sup>th</sup> 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%