

ROSLYN HIGH SCHOOL

DEPARTMENT: SOCIAL STUDIES

NAME OF COURSE: AMERICAN HISTORY / GOVERNMENT (REGENTS)

GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF COURSE

A full-year course which emphasizes the Constitution and related principles of government and the chronological study of American History from the Civil War to the current day.

While learning the history of the United States, values will be incorporated into the curriculum in the hope that students will not only acquire facts, but also an appreciation for the diversity found within our nation.

MAJOR TOPICS COVERED

- Constitutional Foundations & Principles of American Government
- Causes and effects of the Civil War/Reconstruction
- Industrial Revolution and its effects on the American people
- Reform Movements (Populism, Progressivism and New Deal)
- Foreign Policy -- emphasis 1945 to present

TEXTBOOKS

The Americans

REQUIREMENTS

- Satisfactory class attendance and completion of homework assignments
- Various quizzes/examinations (multiple choice, and essay)
- Research projects/papers
- Mid-term examination (January)
- Regents Examination (June)

GRADING PROCEDURES

Point value of tests and quizzes will vary depending upon importance of the material to be tested. A variety of alternate assessments will be used throughout the year.