Mr. Beckman’s American History Syllabus

Over the next school year we will be examining in depth and in detail the history of America from pre-colonial Native American society to the impact of the Civil War. This class will involve discussion, reading, writing and the analyzing of primary source documents from both the textbook and outside sources.

**Expectations**1. Be Respectful- To me, other teachers, and the administration and to your fellow classmates.   
2. Be Prepared-If you are assigned readings or homework, make sure you bring it in the day it is due. Come prepared each day with paper and something to write with.   
3. NO food in the classroom! Unless I provide it.   
4. NO cellphones, mp3 players, ipods or tablets unless directly told you can use them for an assignment.   
5. Don’t line up at the door in the last few minutes of class. When the bell rings, that’s when you get up and head out. Put your desk back into order and pick up any trash you happen to leave behind.   
6. Treat the classroom with respect!! Other teachers and students use it!!!

**Grading Breakdown**

Engagement includes classwork, homework, in-class essays, bellringers and any other type of in class activity outside of quizzes, test and projects. Quizzes will be given occasionally, and will occur more frequently in longer units. Tests will be given once at the end of each unit. Projects will be discussed in greater detail as they arrive.

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| Engagement | 50% |
| Quizzes | 15% |
| Tests and Projects | 35% |

**Technology Policy**Controlled and approved use of technology will occur, but not often. When it does I will notify students and parents ahead of time. During 95% of the class, phones or laptops will not be used.

**Cellphone Policy**At the beginning of class students will be expected to put their cellphones/smartphones in a caddy in the classroom. Not doing so will result in that student being marked tardy for the day. Using the phone in class without permission will result in standard PCHS disciplinary practices that are found in the student handbook. You will be able to retrieve your phones before the bell rings.

**Late Work**I totally understand that students get sick or have to be out. On an excused absence students can complete any missed work within 3 days of their return for full credit. On an unexcused absence, the highest a student can receive on work is 50%.

**Website**My website can be found through the PCHS website when it becomes updated for the 2016-2017 year. Information there includes my bio, the syllabus and the descriptions and rubrics for major assignments.

**Contact Information**If you need to contact me the best way is either through email or by calling the PCHS office.  
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I am looking forward to an excellent and educational year!