

PATH Texas History Syllabus
Fall Semester 2023-24

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Materials Needed: Texas and Texans, Glencoe McGraw-Hill, ISBN 0-07-823967-2, Class Notebook(I will hand this out.) Basic school supplies. Materials as needed for special projects

General Information:

Welcome to Texas History! I look forward to a good year learning about the history, geography, people and contributions of the largest state in the lower 48. We'll do this through reading, watching videos, playing games, and completing unique projects that allow us to learn and engage with knowledge about the state of Texas, from prehistoric times to the present.

Class Expectations:

I seek to provide a learning environment that is lively, visually stimulating and "hands-on" as much as possible and I want the class to be enjoyable. At the same time, I recognize that for learning to take place, the atmosphere must be conducive to focused engagement. Toward that end, I expect students to:

- 1) Come to class fully prepared, with all required materials, homework or special assignments completed, and ready to focus on the day's topic.
- 2) Be engaged in the class, not with their neighbor or any other distraction. Cell phones should be silenced and out of sight.
- 3) Treat the teacher and fellow students with respect. This means listening when others speak, engaging courteously with their comments, and keeping all communication positive.

Grading

Student progress will be evaluated by the following:

Homework	30%
Tests	25%

Special Projects	30%
Class Participation, Preparedness and Attitude	<u>15%</u>
Total Grade	100%

I will follow the PATH guidelines as detailed in the handbook regarding late assignments.

Homework

Each week students will have homework assessing their reading of the assigned text selection. This will be 10-20 questions reviewing key terms and facts of the chapter, as well as a few critical thinking questions. These questions will be handed out each Monday as assigned homework for the following week and should be answered on the handout and returned at the beginning of class the next Monday. Homework will be graded and returned to the student and should be retained as a study guide for unit tests. Students will sometimes also be assigned activity worksheets to assist in learning for some units.

Tests

Following each unit, students will be assigned a unit test. The test questions will be drawn primarily from assigned homework questions and will be given online through Google Classroom. Parents will proctor each test and the tests will be closed-book.

Special Projects

Each semester of Texas History will include 3/4 special projects designed to deepen a student's engagement with a particular topic. These projects also give students the opportunity to showcase and contribute other talents and abilities (creative arts, fine-motor skills, etc.) they may have to the learning environment. The projects will be evaluated on elements such as effort expended, quality of the product, and creativity and a rubric will be given for each project.

Class Participation

Students will receive a class participation grade for the semester based on their class preparedness, engagement with the subject matter, participation in class discussions, and courteousness to both the teacher and fellow students.

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Weekly Schedule and Assignments

Week One-August 14th

FOCUS: Introduction to class and absolute location of Texas.

HOMEWORK ASSIGNMENT: Texas and Texans (T&T) Ch. 1 and Questions;
Geo. Terms Worksheet; Review Poster
Assignment with Parent

Week Two-August 21

FOCUS: Geo. Terms Review; Maps of Texas

HOMEWORK ASSIGNMENT: T&T Ch. 2 and Questions; Complete TX Symbols
Mini Book. Work on Poster Project

Week Three-August 28

FOCUS: TX Mammals Demo.

HOMEWORK ASSIGNMENT: Study Chs. 1&2 and Test Online; T&T Ch. 3 and
Questions. Complete Poster Project

Week Four-September 11

FOCUS: Native American Poster Presentations/Bluebonnets Legend

HOMEWORK ASSIGNMENT: T&T Ch. 4 and Questions; Review pgs. 76-77
Crossword

Week Five-September 18

FOCUS: Early Texas Explorers (review with paddles)

HOMEWORK ASSIGNMENT: Study Chs. 3&4 and Test Online; T&T Ch.5 and
Questions; Missions & Settlements pages.