

# Course Syllabus

Roy C. Ketcham High School

Social Studies

United States History and Government

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Extra Help Time: By appointment

## Course Identification

Course Number: D567

Course Name: United States History and Government

Credit: 1 credit

Prerequisites: Global Studies 1 and 2

## Course Description/Overview

[course catalog description website.](https://www.wappingersschools.org/Page/31018) (<https://www.wappingersschools.org/Page/31018>) page 66

### Course Website(s)

* Google classroom

### Required Course Text

* No text required

### Supplies

Students will be required to have a notebook, folder, or binder and paper to keep notes and information organized for their access

## Course Learning Objectives

All students take the NYS US History and Government Regents exam in June. The Regents exam is also the final exam for the course and counts as part of the 4th quarter average. Students must pass this course and the US History and Government Regents in order to graduate. Students will be required to take quizzes/tests, participate in class discussion, partake in class projects (with public speaking), answer search and find questions from various readings or videos, and other various assignments throughout the semester.

**Areas of Study**

* Geography
	+ The role and influence of geography on historical and cultural developments
* The Constitution as the Foundation of American Society
	+ Origins of the Constitution, the constitutional Convention, Ratification, breakdown of the Constitution, Basic Constitutional Principles
* The Constitution Tested
	+ Early Government
	+ The Rise of Sectionalism
	+ Civil War Era and Reconstruction
* Post-Civil War
	+ The Rise of American Business, Industry, and Labor
* Age of Reform
	+ Movement to change corruption and inequities in society
	+ Emergency as a Global Leader, including World War I
* Prosperity, Depression, and War
	+ Roaring 20’s
	+ Great Depression and FDR’s Presidency
	+ World War II
* A World in Uncertain Time
	+ Containment and the Cold War
	+ Post War Society and Culture
	+ JFK and LBJ
	+ Civil Rights Movements
	+ Vietnam
	+ Nixon
* 70’s to the Present
	+ Ford, Carter
	+ Reagan
	+ Bush, Clinton, Bush, Obama, Trump, Biden
	+ Contemporary Issues - Domestic and foreign policy

### Grading Policy: 40% Homework, 40% Tests and Essays, 20% Quizzes

### Late Assignments

Late work will be accepted with a point deduction for #days late

## Course Policies

*Students will:*

* *Attend class consistently and provide a legal pass in order to make up work when absent*
* *wear masks and practice social distancing rules as per district policy.*
* *arrive to class on time or bring a pass if late*
* *Please respect teachers, classmates and property*