Class Creation

Course Title U. S. History

Grade Level 9-12

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Class Description

In this course, students will examine the history of the United States from its founding to the present day, using the excellent Land of Hope program from Hillsdale College. This survey-style course will consist of a weekly teacher-led Socratic discussion group, weekly chapter reading from both the McClay textbook as well as primary source documents, analytical & comprehension quizzes, video lecture series, and weekly short discussion essays. Emphasis in this advanced course centers on the cause and effect themes throughout American history, relying on students' previous understanding of specific dates and events. Students will be required to create a (free) account through Hillsdale College's website and participate in the reading quizzes there; if this is a problem, please just talk with me before registering. OPTIONAL Honors credit will be granted for CLEP score of over 50 in either of the U. S. History exams.

Text/Materials

Primary Text: Land of Hope: An Invitation to the Great American Story. Wilfred McClay, Encounter Books, 2019.

Supplementary Texts: A Student Workbook for Land of Hope. (McClay, 2020).

(FREE) Video lectures series and accompanying quizzes by Hillsdale College.

Class Fee (and how is it used) \$20 (class prizes & also a very small thank you donation to

Hillsdale)

Prerequisites

Students should have a basic 8th grade level understanding of the events of US History; this course delves into the causes and effects of those events.

Class Limit 15