

## American Wars

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### Class Website:

You will find all of the homework on the following site:

**<http://americanwarsshhs.weebly.com/>**

### Course Overview:

This is a one-of-a-kind class. Using a mixture of mediums, we will study the wars America participated in during the 20th Century. Beginning with World War 1, we will investigate why the war began, why the United States joined and what happened during the war. This class does touch briefly on battles, but spends the majority of the time understanding why the conflict happened and how, overall, it played out. Bring everything you've ever learned about any war the U.S. has been involved in - we'll use your knowledge and give you some more!

### Materials Needed:

- Dark Black or Blue Pens
- #2 Pencils
- Notebook Paper - a spiral notebook will make life a lot easier
- Folder or binder to keep work/assignments in
- Various materials to complete projects

### Attendance, Tardies, and Makeup Work:

I will adhere to school citizenship policy regarding absences and tardies. It is your responsibility to check the course website for any items missed while you were out. You will be given one extra school day for each school day you were absent to turn in missed assignments. After this, assignments will not be accepted.

If you miss my class on the day an assignment other than reading is due or on the day of a project but attend any other class that day, you must turn in or take the assessment that same day as well. If you choose not to come in before or after school to do so, the work will be considered late and will be subject to the citizenship policy (you may be docked points).

### In Class/Homework Assignments:

The homework can be found on the following site: <http://americanwarsshhs.weebly.com/>

The material should be watched/read before coming to class. **Students who are absent are still expected to stay caught up in their homework and assignments.**

Other assignments may be given at the discretion of Mrs. Leavitt. Any in class assignments become homework if not finished unless stated otherwise by Mrs. Leavitt. Late work will not be accepted.

Classes will often include group discussion/activity. The content for these discussions will come mainly from the previous night's assignments. There are questions accompanying each day's homework. You need to be familiar with their answers. It is expected that you will participate and share your knowledge with those around you as well as listen and be open to new ideas and concepts.

At the end of each class, students may write a half page journal entry reflecting on what they learned.

### Projects:

Projects will be given each term. They are cumulative projects and are designed to show what you've learned that term. These are very time intensive and only the best quality work is acceptable (unless you're planning on pulling an all-nighter - which isn't recommended - don't begin work on it the night before). **Projects will not be accepted late** and they are the reflection of your learning for the term - do them well!

### Tests:

This is a project based class - there are no formal tests.

### Quizzes:

Homework quizzes may be given each day.

### Extra Credit:

There will be no extra credit.

### Grade Breakdown:

Grades will be based primarily on a self evaluation and/or interview system. Toward the end of the term, each student will turn in an evaluation and information to show evidence of what they learned and discuss the grade they feel they earned. If needed, they will also have an interview with Mrs. Leavitt to determine the final grade. The letter grade will be based on the information learned and expectations met. Evidence of learning may include the following activities:

Projects	In class assignments/activities
Journals	Homework
Additional Research	

Note: In order to pass the term, EVERY assignment must be completed WELL and turned in.

### Grade Expectations:

To earn a C grade the student will complete the following:

Demonstrate basic understanding of the material through in class participation, completion of assignments and final project. To earn beyond a C, the student must demonstrate a more in depth knowledge of the material through frequent class participation, detailed and correct completion of assignments, and a final project that not only displays content learned, but also teaches new material.

### Citizenship Policy:

You will receive a citizenship grade based on the school's citizenship policy. The citizenship grade for this class will be scored on your **Attendance, Preparedness, Participation, and Adherence to Class Rules**. Mrs. Leavitt does participate in the school's HERO program.

\*More information about the school's citizenship policy can be found on the school's website.

### School Policies:

All other school and district policies, whether specifically mentioned or not in this document, will be followed.

### A Few Thoughts to Consider:

This class is totally unique. It is very based on activity and discussion and to get the most out of this course, students need to do the homework on time. They should also expect to be an active, sometimes *very* active part of the class each day.

Regarding the term projects - they are not complicated, but time consuming. Students *must* do them to meet the baseline expectations to show learning and pass the term.

Please tear this sheet off and return it to Mrs. Leavitt no later than January 24. Thank you!!

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to email me (sarah.leavitt@nebo.edu) or call (801-423-3200).

I have read, understand, and agree to the classroom policies for American Wars. I also understand that to earn citizenship points I must talk with Mrs. Leavitt in advance of earning the points.

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Student Name (Please print)

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Student Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

I have read, reviewed the classroom polices for American Wars with my student, and agree to abide by them. I also understand that there will be various short clips and parts of movies shown in class and assigned as homework (none to exceed a rating of PG) and I am okay with this.

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Parent/Guardian Name (Please print)

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Parent/Guardian Signature

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Date

Anything you want Mrs. Leavitt to be aware of?

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