



# American History Honors 213

## Bishop Kenny High School

### 2011 – 2012, Mr. Broach

#### Course Information / Introduction

##### Course # 213 – American History Honors

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Available: Before School from 7:00 AM – 7:55 AM and After School until 3:00 PM  
except Wednesdays (2:00 PM).



##### Introduction to the Course:

*This course is intended to be a blend of the existing course offerings for American History, standard and Advanced Placement (AP). Therefore, this course serves as a medium between the standard level and the AP-level and will include some components from both.*

#### Textbook and Course Materials

##### **Textbook:**

Danzer, Gerald A., Jorge Klor de Alva, Larry S. Krieger, Louis E. Wilson, and Nancy Woloch. The Americans. Evanston, IL: McDougal Littell, 2007.

##### **Course Reader:**

Moran, Margaret C. U.S. History and Government: Readings and Documents. New York: AMSCO School Publications, Inc., 2003

#### Normal Procedures

##### **Opening, Absenteeism, Tardiness:**

Class will begin promptly each day. Immediately at the sound of the bell, students should stand for prayer. After prayer, attendance will be taken and class will begin.

Students who arrive to class late will be marked tardy. The consequences for being tardy are:

1<sup>st</sup> Tardy = Cafeteria Duty or Classroom Duty

2<sup>nd</sup> Tardy = Cafeteria Duty or Classroom Duty    3<sup>rd</sup> Tardy = Referral to Dean of Students

If you are absent, you must present your green re-admit slip upon returning to class. Only students with excused admit slips will be permitted to make-up work. Furthermore, **it is the responsibility of the STUDENT** to know what make-up work is necessary after an absence.

##### **THE MAKE-UP POLICY IS:**

For missed assignments, classwork, or other activities, students have **one (1) day** after returning to school to complete missing tasks. For example:

Absent from School on MONDAY; Return to School on TUESDAY – obtain missing assignments  
Assignments due on WEDNESDAY

For missed tests and quizzes, the policy is:

- (1.) If the test or quiz was announced in advance (and it almost always is), then you must complete it or make arrangements to do so on the day of your return either in class or before/after school by appointment.
- (2.) Tests are always announced in advance, but if an unannounced quiz or assignment is missed, then you must meet with me immediately upon return.
- (3.) Any other circumstance will be handled on a case-by-case basis within the appropriate guidelines.

*As Juniors, you are responsible for knowing what was missed and what your responsibilities are.*

## Classroom Procedures and Expectations

The general expectations for students are listed below. Please remember that this is your Junior Year and proper behavior **is expected** at all times. **Students are expected to have read the BK Parent-Student Handbook.**

- ✓ Students should arrive to class on time;
- ✓ Students **MUST** be in proper uniform at all times. This rule is strictly enforced. Please refer to the uniform code in the 2011-2012 Parent and Student Handbook;
- ✓ All class members must actively participate;
- ✓ Students are to stay on-task with what is going on in class. This means that talking to others at inappropriate times, not paying attention, or misbehaving in class should not occur and will not be permitted;
- ✓ Students may not write on the desks or deface anything in the room, or anything that belongs to someone else;
- ✓ Students must show respect at all times – to the teacher, fellow classmates, to Bishop Kenny.

**The basic expectations to succeed in this class, at Bishop Kenny, in college and in life:**

**Be... Punctual, Prepared, Respectful, Responsible**

Failure to abide by these guidelines will result in disciplinary action. Disrespectful behavior will not be tolerated at any time. This is especially important when the class participates in group or seminar-style discussions. Every person has a valid opinion and has the right to equally participate – disrespect towards fellow classmates during these types of activities will result in negative consequences.

**Normal Classroom Procedures** (i.e. where to turn-in papers, etc) will be explained on the first day of school.

It is my hope that you will enjoy and benefit from the time we spend in class, however, this will only be possible with the cooperation of everyone.

## Use of Technology

Various online tools and other technology will be used in this class. You are expected to read and abide by the **Papers and Electronic Communications Policies** ([linked here](#)).

## Honor Code

Students are expected to maintain honor and integrity in this class, at Bishop Kenny High School, and in life. **Students should carefully read the Honor Code sections of the Parent-Student Handbook.** This is the policy for this course. Any plagiarism, cheating, copying of other sources, or violations of academic integrity will result in a “zero” for the task (whether it be a test, assignment, etc) and a referral to the Dean of Students.



## Grading Policy and Course Content

The grading policy for this course is:

<b>Exams</b>	<b>50 %</b>	<b>Writing</b>	<b>20%</b>
<b>Quizzes / Presentations</b>	<b>20 %</b>	<b>Activities (HW / CW)</b>	<b>10 %</b>

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### Exams 50% of Class Grade

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Unit exams will be conducted on a periodic basis and may include material from multiple chapters and outside materials. Test dates will always be announced well in advance. These exams will include objective items (multiple choice, matching, etc.) as well as periodic writing elements.

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### Writing 20% of Class Grade

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Papers will be assigned each quarter related to the material being addressed. A specific grading rubric and instruction sheet will be given well in advance. **These assignments will be due at an assigned date and time.** Papers or projects submitted late will lose a significant amount of points per day. The specific guidelines and point structure will be clearly defined on the instruction sheet and/or grading rubric. Furthermore, all papers will be submitted online at **Turnitin.com**. Please see the separate document on **Papers & Electronic Communications** for further information.

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### Quizzes and Presentations 20% of Class Grade

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Periodically, quizzes will be given on a random or scheduled basis. In addition, any **major projects** (other than writing) or **formal class presentations** will count in this 20% category. A specific rubric of how you will be graded will accompany each assignment.

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### Activities (Homework / Classwork) 10% of Class Grade

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Homework and classwork will be given occasionally to re-enforce class material. Extensions on assignments are **only** granted in extreme cases and when pre-arranged (well before the due date). **Otherwise, late work will receive a 50% deduction the first day late and is not accepted thereafter.**

Classwork could include lesson-related activities, group activities, seminar discussions, small group discussions, etc. In the event of discussion-type activities, students will receive a rubric on how the activity will be graded.

We will also have periodic **online discussions** and **online activities** using a wiki site. Please see the separate Papers & Electronic Communication document for policy information. **ALL STUDENTS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR READING THESE POLICIES.**

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### Class Participation

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Class Participation is vital to making this class work. Your participation always affects your performance. You must participate in class and continuously focus and stay organized. Negative participation and misconduct will negatively affect your performance in class. Also, participation grades may be assigned as necessary.

Participation grades are assigned for seminar discussions and online discussions.

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### Course Reading

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As an honors student, you are expected to read the appropriate textbook material before class discussion on a particular topic. In addition, additional readings will be assigned with each unit of material. Periodic reading quizzes or reading-related assignments will occur throughout the year.

## Additional Help/Resources

I am available in the mornings and afternoons for extra help as needed. **Please let me know when you need help!!!** Furthermore, all pertinent information for this class is accessible online:

Class Website

[www.broachweb.com/classes](http://www.broachweb.com/classes)

Class Portal (materials, schedules, updates, etc.)

[www.schoolology.com](http://www.schoolology.com)