

Exploring American History through the American Girls Semester One

Focusing on 1764 (Kaya), (1774) Felicity, 1812 (Caroline) and 1824 (Josefina)

NOTE: The semesters are all independent of one another.

A student can join any semester in any order.

Grades: Grades 3 – 6

Day (s) of Week: Tuesday

Time of Class: 11:00 am – 12:30 pm ET

Length of Class: 10 weeks

Semester: Winter 2019

Tuition: \$300.00

Class Dates:

Week of January 14

Week of January 21

Week of January 28

Week of February 4

Week of February 11

Week of February 18

Week of February 25

Week of March 4

Week of March 11

Week of March 18

Make Up Week: Week of March 25

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Description of Class:

Students will explore United States History from 1764-1824.

- Native American - Meet Kaya
- Revolutionary/Colonial Time Period - Meet Felicity
- War of 1812 - Meet Caroline
- Mexican American - Meet Josephina

We plan to include the historical events of the country for the time studied. In addition, we will explore the culture, lifestyle, geography and inventions of the time. Students will write short journal entries, create timelines and be involved with one project during the semester, which the students will present. We also begin to talk about some literary terms such as character, setting and conflict as they are used in literary analysis.

Class Approach:

Participation is an absolute to make the most of this class. Students should “pre-read” the book we will be discussing during that lesson. While reading, they should put themselves in their character’s situation and think what life would be like for them if they lived back then.

Goals:

To relate to each time and location in the United States that each American Girl lived through/in.

Textbook:

You can borrow the books from the library, borrow from friends or purchase them. It is up to you.

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| • Meet Kaya | ISBN | 978-1584854234 |
| • Kaya’s Escape | ISBN | 978-1584854265 |
| • Meet Felicity | ISBN | 978-1562470043 |
| • Meet Caroline | ISBN | 978-159-3698829 |

It is strongly encouraged for students to read a second book on each girl of the student’s choice.

Additional Supplies/Resources Needed:

- Spiral Notebook/Paper for Notetaking
- Pencil / Pen
- Internet Access
- Access to smart phone or tablet to record project (optional)

- Access to POWER POINT to create project (optional)
- Basic art supplies
 - Poster Board, Markers, Colored Paper

Requirements:

Class Attendance, Participation, Reading of the Eight Required Books, Discussion

Weekly Homework:

Approximately one to two hours a week

Homework Policy:

Journal Log/Diary Letter must be turned in during course of class the week after we finish each character. Final Project due by Week 9.

Attendance Policies:

Students are strongly encouraged to attend live classes but are not required to attend live classes. However, students who do miss a class, for whatever reason, will be responsible for viewing the class recording and completing assignments. Recordings of each class are usually available within 24 hours of the class meeting and may then be accessed 24/7 from the course class pages. Students may also review recorded classes at any time.

Participation Policy:

Active participation is essential for maintaining the best learning environment. It is also a fun part of learning.

Evaluation:

Journal/Diary for Each Main Character

Timeline

Map

Jackdaw Project

Grading Scale:

A 100-90

B 89-80

C 79-70

D 69-60

F 59 and Below

Anticipated Weekly Course Schedule:

NOTE: ALL NOVELS MUST BE READ PRIOR TO THE CLASS MEETING!

Week	Topic
Week 1	Orientation, <i>Meet Kaya</i>
Week 2	Kaya's Time Period
Week 3	Kaya's Diary Entry Due; Meet Felicity
Week 4	Felicity's Time Period
Week 5	Felicity's Diary Entry Due Meet Caroline
Week 6	Caroline's Time Period, Assign Project Options (due class ten)
Week 7	Caroline's Diary Entry Due, Meet Josefina
Week 8	<i>Josefina's Time Period</i>
Week 9	Josefina's Diary Entry Due, Jackdaw Due American Girl Jeopardy (Based on History and Reading Comprehension)
Week 10	Projects Sharing Wrap Up of Class