

American History with the Pioneers

Grades: 3rd-5th
Day (s) of Week: Thursday
Time of Class: 9:00 am - 10:30 am ET
Length of Class: 20 weeks
Semester: Fall & Winter
Tuition: \$400

Class Dates:

Fall 2021 Semester
October 7
October 14
October 21
October 28
November 4
November 11
November 18
NO CLASS November 25 (Thanksgiving)
December 2
December 9
December 16
Make Up: January 6

Winter 2022 Semester
January 13
January 20
January 27
February 3
February 10
February 17
February 24
March 3
March 10
March 17
Make Up: March 24

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Description of Class:

In this elementary American history class, we'll be exploring the American pioneer era! Travel with us to the wild west and meet cowboys, pioneers, mountain men, Indigenous peoples, the first 12 presidents of the United States of America, and many more of the people living in America in the first half of the 19th century. We'll be covering things like the Lewis and Clark expedition, the westward movement, the Alamo, the gold rush, the Oregon Trail, and much more.

Class Approach:

Class time will be spent talking about some of the most memorable moments of the early 19th century in America, as well as playing games, making crafts, and working on projects that will all culminate in a lapbook at the end of the year.

Goals:

Students will walk away with a foundation of knowledge in early American history - knowing the basics about important events as well as what daily life was like for different types of people.

(Please note that this class will also discuss, in an age-appropriate manner, serious and sensitive topics such as war, death, disease, slavery, racism & prejudice, natural catastrophes, and related.)

Textbook:

None. All reading material will be posted online.

Additional Supplies/Resources Needed:

- one 1" or 1-1/2" three-ring binder with a clear-view cover (to slip a paper in) and pockets inside
- white paper
- colored paper
- white cardstock
- colored cardstock
- (optional) brown/tan colored cardstock
- colored pencils
- permanent markers (preferably thin)
- scissors
- glue stick
- double-sided tape
- clear tape
- exacto knife (w/ cutting surface)
- zip-lock bags
- three-hole punch

- transparency film/acetate/page protectors
- ruler
- string
- needle and thread

Note: Most weeks, we'll have optional (but recommended) crafts that require more supplies than the supplies listed above. A full list of the optional projects (things like faux fur coonskin caps, corn husk dolls, homemade butter, etc.) and the supplies needed for each of them will be posted on Canvas.

Requirements:

Each student is responsible for attending the weekly classes, completing and submitting homework on time, and treating fellow students with respect.

Weekly Homework:

Weekly homework will include reading each week (secondary & primary source documents - all posted online), which we'll discuss in class. Students will also spend time working on various craft projects, writing projects, and occasional other homework. Around 1-2 hours/week.

Homework Policy:

1. One week late homework will be accepted at half credit (unless otherwise approved).
2. No homework accepted after 1 week (unless otherwise approved).
3. If absent, it is up to the student/parent to obtain notes and any materials.

Grading Scale:

- A: 100% - 90%
- B: 89% - 80%
- C: 79% - 70%
- D: 69% - 60%
- F: 59% - 0%

Anticipated Weekly Course Schedule:

Fall 2021

Week	Topic
Week 1	Introduction & The Louisiana Purchase
Week 2	Lewis & Clark
Week 3	Indigenous Peoples: Part 1
Week 4	Indigenous Peoples: Part 2
Week 5	Pioneer Living: Part 1
Week 6	Pioneer Living: Part 2
Week 7	The War of 1812
Week 8	Inventions & Innovators
Week 9	The Erie Canal
Week 10	End-of-Semester Review

Winter 2022

Week	Topic
Week 11	The First 12 American Presidents
Week 12	Trappers, Traders, & Mountain Men
Week 13	People of Interest
Week 14	Statehoods & The Alamo
Week 15	The Oregon Trail
Week 16	The Gold Rush
Week 17	The Mexican-American War
Week 18	Seneca Falls Convention
Week 19	Antebellum
Week 20	End-of-Year Review