**Mr. Rinker’s A.P. United States History 2022-2023**

**The Class Syllabus**

**Welcome to Rinker University!**

1. **The Goal:** The AP United States History class is to be both a class that will lead to six glorious hours of college credit and also will further advance your university skills and/ or a well-earned GPA for a class well done to that end, our study will begin Pre-1491 and will end somewhere in the near-present.

American History has been my personal passion for well over four decades and counting. I relish its threadbare tales, its cascade of characters, its innumerable lessons of both triumphs and dissensions. I welcome you to this arduous quest of learning. I trust it will be one you find to be both enjoyable and rewarding…Let’s have an awesome year together!

1. **The Teacher:** Mr. Rinker --- This begins my 30th year of teaching --- ( And no I didn’t start when I was 9 years old I just look young naturally 😊 ) this is my 8th year at Rockwall-Heath. I received my B.A and M.A. in History and Sociology from ETSU (TAMU- Commerce) and WTAMU. I have also taught United States History & Sociology for eight years at Frank Phillip College and APUSH for now starting fifteen years in which five of those years were at international college/ private prep schools {Four years in Nicaragua and one in Guatemala. }

I’ve been married 26 years to my wife, Jennifer, who teaches at Cain Middle School. We have two daughters: Tori is 17 and in the 12th grade at…well here! and Emily is very soon to be 16 and in the 10th grade and also at RHHS.

1. **The “Must-Haves”**
2. **Notebooks** --- ONE- five-subject notebooks: 1 for in-class note taking AND another for textbook note taking. In-Class: This will vary by your writing style and the copious amount of lecture notes at least twice per week. The AMSCO Textbook: Weekly requirement>> One chapter a week…Hint : It’s Thanksgiving break NO SCHOOL ;) You are to do your chapter anyway. We might push and pull around Christmas time, but we should finish with textbook notes by Mid-April 2017…We’ll discuss this in greater detail soon.
3. **Cellphones… “My name is NO, my number is NO…You need to let it go…You need to let it go.” If for just 45 minutes, OR 90 minutes PUT IT AWAY… there might be a day OR a time when they may be used… Perhaps, but I will let you know when that is…**

**Rule of thumb: NO CELL PHONES**

1. **DEADLINES** --- When something is due…it’s due. Trust me college teachers don’t like things late. Simple Guidelines: One Day late = - 15 points Two Days – 30 points THREE DAYS – 50 points and DAY FOUR = ZERO or just give it to your mom…If for any reason you will be absent the day an assignment is due, then e-mail, phone call OR in-person **before** deadline is best. After the deadline has passed??? Enjoy a few Mr. Rinker stories of missed deadlines… Although funny, and all to the point, DO NOT MISS DEADLINES!!! \*\*\*\* \*\*\*\*
2. **HELP!** Lost, fear creeping in, think you might miss a deadline OR you simply can’t get enough APUSH…Come and see me live and in-person. BEFORE SCHOOL: Monday - Thursday 8 AM – 8: 25 or sooner I’ll be here every day. AFTER SCHOOL: Monday – Thursday 3:55 to ? >>> I can & will make time any day but it needs to be set up a day in advance if possible. QUESTIONS ON THIS??
3. **Grades?** Is that a worry? Test 70% other 30%...Same as with all AP classes. I do have projects and quizzes. Tests are few and will be {Teacher graded multiple choice exams and short answers about 99% of the time} Reasons for will be forth coming >>>

Passing APUSH when you didn’t pass your exam (s) ??? \*New\* for 2022-2023

Step 1: Fail exam ( Grade 50 now what… )

Step 2: Come before or after school correct exam ( Understand what you missed ) NEW GRADE = 70

Step 3: Could be in the same afternoon ( In some cases…) or next day Re-test & show improvement on test material = ADD 15 points to your corrected exam of 70 OR 85…It will be the same if you make a 48 or 68 >>> You can fail and work up to a 85.

Step A/B/C --- What if I make an 85 on 1st exam? Everyone can correct & retest to raise their test grades. EVERYONE

STEP to the END >>> With a 85 test average & Daily grade average of 100 1Q/2Q/3Q/4Q FINAL APUSH = 89.5 aka 90 congrats!

PLEASE NOTE: If you are failing exams often or not showing growth I’ll add some 1 on 1 time with me to your steps BUT I find that tutorials tend not to be an ALL year thing for most APUSHers.

 **APUSH it’s not about perfection but rather progression 😊**

**Questions and Clarifications --- You might make notes if you like here:**

1. Final Thoughts…

Our class is to be one for learning, discovery and fun…I have the highest respect for all of you that have chosen this journey. Let us cheer for each other, help each other, and Apush one another to get better.

“The journey of a thousand miles must begin with a single step.” -- Lao Tzu

Let’s get this party started…Your ballroom date is set for May 5th, 2023!

 Welcome to APUSH 2019- 2020

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1. APUSH --- Textbook is the AMSCO United States History guidebook reading for FALL 2022

#1 --- You will need to get your own copy of your APUSH Bible aka AMSCO from Amazon or past well-adjusted APUSHers 😊 I do keep about 40 copies at the back for a classroom set that we will use from time to time.

#2 --- We will read/cover this timeline as close as we can…NOTE: Covid days/ Big freeze ’21, or your family trip to Fuji does not stop this reading guide. We will push forward no matter what so keep up and don’t fall behind.

FALL 2022 >>> Let’s Take this ONE Term at a time shall we >>>

Weekday end

THURSDAY or FRIDAY : A week or B week

8/19 Ch. 1

8/ 25 Ch. 2

9/2 Ch. 3 1st Exam week

9/9 Ch. 4

9/15 Ch. 5

9/23 Ch. 6 2nd Exam week --- Test Project grade

9/ 29 Ch. 7 3rd Exam week ---

FALL BREAK / TEXAS STATE FAIR DAY 1st week of October ( 10/1 – 10/7 )

10/14 Ch. 8 End of 1st Q 3 exams & 10 or more Daily grades\*

10/21 Ch. 9 1st Exam of 2Q

10/27 Ch. 10

11/4 Ch. 11

11/10 Ch. 12

11/18 Ch. 13 2nd Exam of 2Q

11/19 – 11/27 Happy Thanksgiving Break 2019 😊

12/1 Ch. 14

12/9 Ch. 15 APUSH Mid-term exam ( ALL M.C. )

12/12 --- 12/16 Catch-up Days / Exam Days / Enrichment Days { If time allows Ch. 16 }

After that it’s Merry Christmas Break & Happy New Year 2023!!! 😊

FINAL QUESTIONS & THOUGHTS…