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**Parkwood High School**

**Introduction to Honors American History II**

***American History II: The Gilded Age to the Present* will guide students from the late nineteenth century time period through the early 21st century. Students will examine the political, economic, social and cultural development of the United States from the end of the Reconstruction era to present times. The essential standards of American History Course II will trace the change in the ethnic composition of American society; the movement toward equal rights for racial minorities and women; and the role of the United States as a major world power. An emphasis is placed on the expanding role of the federal government and federal courts as well as the continuing tension between the individual and the state. The desired outcome of this course is for students to develop an understanding of the cause-and-effect relationship between past and present events, recognize patterns of interactions, and understand the impact of events on in the United States in an interconnected world.**

**This course is distinguished from the regular course by the inclusion of round tables, more rigorous grading practices and more involved projects than what you would find in a standard class.  We will dig deeper and focus more on historical thinking as well to provide a more challenging environment for our students.**

**Course Evaluation Criteria Mark Scale**

**Tests 20% A = 90-100**

**Quizzes 20% B = 80-89**

**Projects 40% C = 70-79**

**Homework 5% D = 60-69**

**Class Work 10% F = 0 – 59**

**Participation 5%**

**Student Supplies**

 **Notebook with folder to hold handouts**

**#2 Pencils and pens**

**Box of Tissues**

**Flash drive**