Scoring below a 65% on any of the assignments will result in removal from the course and placement in the grade-level appropriate, non-honors social studies course.

Assignment #1
Read chapters 1- 4 in the textbook. Take notes on these chapters. Upon your return you will take a test on these chapters. (Within the first 2 weeks)

Assignment #2
Select a book you have not previously read that deals with the topic related to U.S. History. This book can be a historical novel, biography, etc. If you need to see a list, I can make one available.

Your book must be submitted for approval by June 30. You may see me prior to the end of the school year or email me with your choice. Book choice is on a first-come-first-serve basis. Failure to complete this step will result in your removal from the course. [Book not eligible – Autobiography of Malcolm X]

Part 1 (Due date: 1st day of class)
Write a book critique. [This typed critique must be at least 4 pages long.]
• This should include…
  o Summarize the plot
  o Identify and describe the main characters
  o What is the historical perspective of the book?
  o What historic information did you learn from this book? How did it modify/reinforce your understanding of the topic?
  o What historical questions do you have after reading this book?
  o If you were asked to rewrite the book, what would you change? Why?
  o Would you recommend this book to others? Why or why not?

Adapted from http://www.westorangehigh.ocps.net/ap%20us%20history.htm

Part 2 (Due date: 2nd day of class)
Prepare for a presentation on your book. Your presentation should not be longer than 15 minutes. Design a plot timeline and major character description poster as a visual aid. “Old-fashion” posters are great and will be mounted in the room (if possible digital projects will also be mounted). You may also choose to use software or Web 2.0 tools to complete parts of the assignment or the entire visual aid. Web 2.0 tools you might find helpful include dipity.com, xtimeline.com, Google Docs, Slatebox.com, Prezi.com, Popplet.com, Spiderscribe.net, Bubbl.us, edu.glogster.com (you can link multiple glogs together), and many others.
Begin memorizing the Presidents in order, years in office, and political affiliation. (This will not be tested upon your return.)

**The Presidents of the United States**

1. George Washington, 1789-97 (No party affiliation)
2. John Adams, 1797-1801 (Federalist)
3. Thomas Jefferson, 1801-9 (Democratic-Republican)
4. James Madison, 1809-17 (Democratic-Republican)
5. James Monroe, 1817-25 (Democratic-Republican)
6. John Quincy Adams, 1825-29 (Democratic-Republican)
7. Andrew Jackson, 1829-37 (Democrat)
8. Martin Van Buren, 1837-41 (Democrat)
9. William Henry Harrison, 1841 (Whig)
10. John Tyler, 1841-45 (Whig)
11. James K. Polk, 1845-49 (Democrat)
12. Zachary Taylor, 1849-50 (Whig)
13. Millard Fillmore, 1850-53 (Whig)
14. Franklin Pierce, 1853-57 (Democrat)
15. James Buchanan, 1857-61 (Democrat)
16. Abraham Lincoln, 1861-65 (Republican)
17. Andrew Johnson, 1865-69 (Democrat/National Union)
18. Ulysses S. Grant, 1869-77 (Republican)
19. Rutherford B. Hayes, 1877-81 (Republican)
20. James A. Garfield, 1881 (Republican)
21. Chester A. Arthur, 1881-85 (Republican)
22. Grover Cleveland, 1885-89 (Democrat)
23. Benjamin Harrison, 1889-93 (Republican)
24. Grover Cleveland, 1893-97 (Democrat)
25. William McKinley, 1897-1901 (Republican)
26. Theodore Roosevelt, 1901-9 (Republican)
27. William Howard Taft, 1909-13 (Republican)
28. Woodrow Wilson, 1913-21 (Democrat)
29. Warren G. Harding, 1921-23 (Republican)
30. Calvin Coolidge, 1923-29 (Republican)
31. Herbert C. Hoover, 1929-33 (Republican)
32. Franklin D. Roosevelt, 1933-45 (Democrat)
33. Harry S. Truman, 1945-53 (Democrat)
34. Dwight D. Eisenhower, 1953-61 (Republican)
35. John F. Kennedy, 1961-63 (Democrat)
36. Lyndon B. Johnson, 1963-69 (Democrat)
37. Richard M. Nixon, 1969-74 (Republican)
38. Gerald R. Ford Jr., 1974-77 (Republican)
39. James E. Carter, 1977-81 (Democrat)
40. Ronald W. Reagan, 1981-89 (Republican)
41. George H. Walker Bush, 1989-1993 (Republican)
42. William J. Clinton, 1993-2001 (Democrat)
43. George W. Bush, 2001-2009 (Republican)
44. Barrack H. Obama, 2009-present (Democrat)