**Syllabus for VA & US History**

**Course Outline:**

This class covers history from Virginia and the United States from 1607 through approximately 1991. For this class, you will be doing papers, projects, quizzes, and tests to help evaluate how you are understanding the material. This class will require access to a computer in order to accomplish most of these assignments. If you do not have a computer at home, the library is open before school at 6:30 and after school until 4. In May, we will be taking the Standards of Learning or SOL test, which is a state mandated test. Several of these are required to graduate, so informing the students in the best way to pass them is a high priority of mine.  
  
**Course Expectations:**

I expect each student to put their full effort into this class. I understand that each individual has unique obstacles to their learning, and I am more than willing to accommodate these obstacles as long as you show the drive and willingness to learn. Finally, I also expect my classroom to be a haven for respect. No one should be scared to come to my class, and I will do my best to ensure that is the case.  
  
**Grading Scale:**

I follow the standard Newport News grading scale:  
  
92-100 A  
83-91 B  
74-82 C  
65-73 D  
64 and below F  
  
Also, the averages come from this scale  
  
classwork: 15%  
quizzes: 20%  
Projects: 25%  
Tests: 40%

**Outline of Topics**

Jamestown and Colonies: Week 1 and 2  
Revolution: Week 3 and 4  
Constitution: Week 5 and 6  
Jacksonianism: Week 7, 8, and 9

**End of 1st Quarter**

Mexican War: Week 10 and 11  
Civil War: Week 12, 13, and 14  
Reconstruction: Week 15 and 16  
Progressivism: Week 17 and 18

**End of 2nd Quarter/ Semester**

Spanish American War: Week 19 and 20  
World War I: Week 21 and 22  
Great Depression: Week 23  
New Deal: Week 25  
World War II: Week 26 and 27

**End of 3rd Quarter**  
Cold War: Week 28 and 29  
Modern America: Week 30 and 31  
SOL Review: Week 32 through SOL's  
Projects: SOL's through the end of school

**End of 4th Quarter / Semester / School**