

Welcome to IB History of the Americas (HOA)! HOA is the first year of a two-year IB History HL sequence. This year we will concentrate on the history of the United States with special focus on key topics in Canadian and Latin American history. During your senior year, you will focus on the major events of the 20th century. The Regents examination in United States History and Government is taken at the end of this first year, while the comprehensive IB History examination is taken in May of the senior year. Additionally, you may challenge the AP United States history exam at the end of this year.

Course Outline:

The core units for this course are as follows:

Unit 1	What is History?
Unit 2	Independence Brinkley chapters 4, 5
Unit 3	The Early Republic Brinkley chapters 6, 7
Unit 4	Civil War and Reconstruction (HL In-depth Study) Brinkley chapters 11, 12, 13, 14, 15
Unit 5	Industrialization and the Gilded Age Brinkley chapter 16, 17, 18, 19
Unit 6	Imperialism, Progressivism and Word War I Brinkley chapters 20, 21, 22, 23
Unit 7	The Great Depression and the Americas (HL In-depth Study) Brinkley chapters 24, 25, 26 Bumsted chapter 8 Keen chapters 13, 14
Unit 8	World War II Brinkley chapter 27, 28
Unit 9	The Cold War and the Americas (HL In-depth Study) Brinkley chapter 29 Bumsted chapters 9, 10 Keen chapter 22
Unit 10	1960s and 1970s Brinkley chapters 30, 31, 32
Unit 11	Contemporary America Brinkley chapters 33, 34

When study of the core units concludes, review in preparation for the NYS Regents United States History and Government Exam will begin.

Textbooks:

We will use a number of resources for class, but our primary texts are:

Brinkley, Alan . *American History: A Survey*. 10th ed., McGraw-Hill. 2001

Bumsted, J.M. *A History of the Canadian People*. 4th ed., Oxford University Press. 2011.

Keen, Benjamin and Keith Hayes. *A History of Latin America*. 8th ed., Wadsworth
Cengage Learning. 2009.

Grades:

You will receive a report card grade approximately every ten weeks. Grades will be determined by your performance on tests, quizzes, essays, projects, presentations, homework, and classroom participation.

Attendance and Make-up Policy:

Regular attendance in this class is essential. Much of the material for success is provided through lecture and discussion. Missing class can create problems. Students with many absences rarely do well. With that in mind, all test, quizzes, and seminars must be made-up the day a student returns from any single day absence. If an absence exceeds two school days, a mutually agreed upon make-up date will be determined. Students who are absent on a major due date must e-mail due assignments on that due date. Presentations, essays, and research papers would be considered major assignments. Major assignments that cannot be e-mailed should be sent in with a friend or family member and delivered to the front office by class time. Only work missed during excused absences can be made-up. Work missed for unexcused absences will receive no credit.

Late Work:

All work needs to be handed in at the beginning of class on the day that it is due. Late assignments will receive a maximum of ½ of the possible points for the particular assignment.

Plagiarism Policy:

Students who plagiarize or allow their work to be plagiarized will receive no credit for the assignment and face disciplinary action.

Daily Classroom Rules:

All students are responsible for maintaining appropriate behavior in class at all times. The following rules should be followed.

1. Be on time
2. Be prepared
3. Be respectful
4. No cell phones
5. No food or drink

I will discuss any violation of the above rules first, but if the issue continues you will face the following consequences: parental contact, detention, or administrative referral.

Supplies Needed:

- 3-ring binder
- Tab dividers
- Loose leaf

The IB History Exam

You will take the IB History exam in May of your senior year and it will cover both years of IB History.

- **Paper I:** a document based paper on a 20th century topic. This paper counts as 20% of your final mark.
- **Paper II:** an essay paper on the 20th century topics you will study. You will answer two essays, each from a different topic. This paper counts as 25% of your final mark.
- **Paper III:** another essay paper, but only on the Americas. That means that most of the essays in Paper III will be from your junior year. You will choose any three questions from a possible 25 questions. This paper counts as 35% of your final mark.

Internal Assessment (IA):

During the junior year of IB History, students will complete the IB Diploma research requirement, which is an in depth study of a topic of student choice and which compromises 20% of their final mark. Specific guidelines and handouts will be provided later in the first semester.

What About AP?

While IB History of the Americas is not officially an AP course, any student may choose to challenge the AP U.S. History Exam at the end of the year. Our curriculum, while primarily geared toward IB, should be broad enough to enable highly motivated students to do well on the AP exam. Taking this assessment is completely voluntary, however, some students seeking admission to extremely competitive universities choose to take it in order to further strengthen their transcripts. The cost of the exam is \$87.

Keys to Success:

- Keep up with the reading
- Be organized – save notes, assignments, etc
- Ask questions
- Don't procrastinate

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Junior Year:

- Complete the Historical Investigation (IA)
- AP United States History Exam in May (optional)
- NYS Regents United States History and Government Exam in June

Senior Year:

- Paper 1
- Paper 2
- Paper 3

IB HISTORY ASSESSMENT OUTLINE

Assessment	HL Percentage	Mark Range
Paper #1 (1 hour)	20%	25
Paper #2 (1 hour 30 minutes)	25%	40 (2 essays @ 20 Marks ea)
Paper #3 (2 hours 30 minutes)	35%	60 (3 essays @ 20 Marks ea)
Internal Assessment (IA)	20%	25
Total	100%	HL = 150 Marks