

Monthly Portfolio Check #1: Semester 2

Portfolios are the responsibility of the student. Organization and full engagement are the keys to success. Students are permitted to revise their portfolios until the end of the quarter, but it is their responsibility to bring it to the teacher to get an adjusted grade, based on the revisions.

The following is the rubric by which your portfolio will be scored.

- Completed Journals 1–2 (5 points per) = 10
 - 5 points each for participation in the journal exercise. The journal is designed to get the student to engage with the primary focus for the unit and exercise the literacy element of thinking critically and writing. Feel free to get caught up if you were absent or didn't get credit for this simple pass/fail assignment. 1 full page is expected and this is a simple 0 or 5 point exercise. A poor attempt can be rectified if the student reattempts their journal with evident effort and then shows it to the teacher. Journal prompts can be found at thomasclasses.weebly.com.
- US History Chapter 1 (5 points per section) = 20
 - Section 1
 - Section 2
 - Section 3
 - Section 4
- US History Chapter 1 Quiz Slip (1 point for each correct answer) = possibility of 8
- US History Chapter 2 (5 points per section) = 20
 - Section 2
 - Section 3
 - Section 4
- US History Chapter 2 Quiz Slip (1 point for each correct answer) = possibility of 6

64 Points Possible

Chapter 1

Essential Questions:

1. What motivates people to leave their homeland and settle in a new place?
2. How were the early American colonies settled and how did they grow?

Enduring Understandings:

1. Exploration and colonization of North America transformed human history.
2. Personal freedom among individuals and groups significantly affect us today.
3. The New World and the U.S. developed through the struggles of individuals to overcome political problems and conflicts with people and the land.

Chapter 2

Essential Questions:

1. How were the early American colonies settled and how did they grow?
2. How did the American colonization impact the rest of the world?

Enduring Understanding:

1. Students will understand how the exploration and colonization of North America transformed human history.