

History of Sports – Fall 2015

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Course Information:

This is a semester course that will take an in depth look at the historical development of sports in the United States from a societal and cultural viewpoint. This course provides an opportunity to examine the relationship between sports and various topics like, nationalism, politics, the economy, societal change, and gender.

Method of Instruction:

A variety of instruction methods will be used including lecture, discussion (active learning), debates, text readings, and group/individual projects and activities. Current events will also be a part of the class and will be conducted at the teacher's discretion. Your current event will be related to class material only!

Tentative Course Topics/Units and Dates:

- The Olympics 2 Weeks
- Football (College and Pro) 2 Weeks
- Golf and Horse Racing 2 Weeks
- America's Pastime, Baseball 2 Weeks
- Boxing 1 Week
- Integration in Sports 1 Week
- Sports of the War Years 1 Week
- Basketball (College and Pro) 2 Weeks
- Commercialization of Sports 1 Week
- Nebraska Sports History 2 Weeks

Textbook and Required Supplies:

- Chromebook – **Must have**, there is not a textbook for this class so everything will be on online and will require your chromebook.
- Pen or Pencil and Paper

Grading:

- Grading Scale:
 - 94 – 100 = A 92 – 93 = B+ 86 – 91 = B 84 – 85 = C+ 78 – 83 = C 76 – 77 = D+
70 – 75 = D 60 – 69 = F
- Weighing of Course Components
 - Projects/Activities
 - There will be a variety of group and independent projects throughout the semester. The topics and requirements will be given for each project.

Course Component Specifics:

- Homework
 - There will be reading assignments, as well as additional homework assignments given in class. Homework assignments are due at the beginning of class on the due date. Most

homework assignments will be signed by the instructor to indicate they were finished on time. Late homework does not receive a signature. Most homework assignments will go in your notebook.

- Academic Dishonesty
 - Any student caught cheating or plagiarizing on a class assignment will receive a zero on that assignment. If you are suspected of cheating/plagiarism you will receive an F until it is determined whether the student has erred.
- Due Dates
 - Each assignment will be given a due date based upon its difficulty. Assignments are due at the beginning of class on the day that they are due. Late assignments will be accepted within 24 hours of the due date. The instructor reserves the right to reduce the grade on a late assignment by as much as 40%. If you have an excused absence on the due date of an assignment you will have two days after you return to make up your work. Students will be notified of due dates in class. If you are gone for a school activity it will be due **before** you leave.

Classroom Rules and Code of Conduct:

- Respect others, their property, and the environment
- Come to class on time and prepared
- Participate in class activities
- Allow Mr. Van to teach and other students to learn
- Follow the dress code in your student handbook, it **will** be enforced
- No cell phones, keep your cell phones turned off or on silent and out of site
 - If you are caught with your cell phone out, it will be put on Mr. Van's desk
- Chromebook's will be used for school purposes only and at the teachers discretion
 - Violations of the acceptable use policy will result in a referral to PRESS
- **iPod's** will be used **only** at the teachers discretion (they **will not** be used during lectures)
- ATTENDANCE
 - Absences:
 - You should attend all classes if possible. If you miss a day it is your responsibility to obtain the missing assignments. If your absence is excused you will have two days after you return to make up your work. If you are gone for a school activity it will be due **before** you leave.
 - Tardies:
 - You are tardy if you are not in the room when the bell rings.

Consequences for Violating the Rules:

- First offense: Warning
- Second offense: Meeting with Mr. Van in the hall
- Third offense: Referred to administration

Affidavit (Please sign and return this portion.)

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My signature below indicates that I have read and understand the course expectations.

Student Signature

Date

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date