What Can I Do To Pass U.S. History?

STUDY! – Use notecards, review notes - quiz yourself. Many students who are not passing their chapter tests are actually not studying. In-class activities work to reinforce homework and understand the topics we are learning about.

Study Guides – Study guides for each chapter are on Mr. Hall's homepage at cvhsfalcons.com. Print them out at the beginning of a new chapter and fill them out we progress in the chapter. You are not allowed to use the study guide on the test, but it helps you to prepare for it and attempt to earn a higher score!

Homework – Homework is assigned on a nightly basis, Monday through Thursday. Homework is not assigned on Friday, UNLESS it is a long-term assignment or something we may not have finished in class. Weekends are family time. Homework is typically a half-section (1-3 pages) or whole section (5-6 pages) of outline notes from the chapter. All outlines are due on the day of the chapter test, so that students may use them to help them on the test.

FOS Board – Freedom of Speech board regarding a current issue. This is done entirely in class. This is a weekly extra credit assignment. 2 points per week for participation.

Field Trips – Students are given a list of museums to visit and a couple of movies to see that have to do with topics that we study during the semester. They are able to choose 2 out of a possible 5 options that they would enjoy experiencing. They are all given a handout in class and it is posted on my homepage. Options change each semester.

Free Tutoring at CV

Tuesday & Thursday – 3:00-4:00 PM (Library)

CVHS website – cvhsfalcons.com. There is a page for U.S. History where chapter study guides are posted. There is also a links page of which many may be helpful. Explore the sites to see what may best suit you.

Shmoop.com –GUSD students also have free access to use the website shmoop.com. The site also offers assistance for MANY other subjects.

Review – Students are able to come into room 2312 before & after school and during snack & lunch to review their previous chapter tests. Due to test security, tests are not able to leave the classroom. Students are expected to do this on their own time.

PRACTICE! – Take some online or paper review tests. Athletes, musicians, entertainers don't just pick up a ball or microphone and start playing well – THEY PRACTICE! So should you!

GET A GOOD NIGHT'S SLEEP & EAT BREAKFAST! – It is recommended that teenagers get 8-9 hours of solid sleep. Research also shows that students learn better when they eat breakfast.

GOOGLE it! – Still don't understand? Go online and do some research to figure out the causes and effects, the in's and out's.

Now what?

Use all of these suggestions to become a good, well-rounded student and good test-taker. These are the same suggestions that will assist you when you get to college. Learn them now to make your life easier later.