

## Reedley College Syllabus

### INSTRUCTOR:

Randall Miller

### COURSE AND TITLE:

History 11: United States History to 1865

### REQUIRED TEXTS:

American History: A Survey Vol. I: to 1877 by Alan Brinkley

### COURSE DESCRIPTION:

Political, social and economic development of the United States from the colonial period through the Civil War.

### COURSE SCHEDULE:

Monday, Wednesday and Friday 7:00 - 7:50 a.m.

**Exams:** September 10, October 8, November 5, December 3

**Final:** December 13, Monday 7:00 - 9:00 a.m.

**Paper:** October 29

### COURSE EXPECTATIONS AND ASSIGNMENTS:

The overall course grade depends on the components outlined below. A point system will be used to calculate each student's grade for the semester.

\* **Exams:** There will be four exams covering assigned readings and course lectures. Each exam is worth 100 points. The lowest grade will be dropped. If you miss an exam it will become a 0. There are no make-up exams.

\* **Research Paper:** Each student will complete a minimum 2,000 word research paper, the subject of which must be approved by the instructor first. Please see attached papers for more details. The paper will be worth 300 points.

\* **Video Notes:** For this class, students will take notes on each video watched within the class. Each video note will have at least one paragraph of information detailing what was seen and learned from the video. Each video will be written on a separate piece of paper. The video notes will be worth a total of 50 points.

\* **Final:** This will be a cumulative exam of everything learned during the course of this class. The Final will be worth 250 points. If you miss the final exam it will become a 0. It will not be possible to pass the course without this grade.

### BASIS FOR GRADE:

Exams: (100 points each)	300 points	A	900-810 points
Video Notes:	50 points	B	809-720 points
Final:	250 points	C	719-630 points
Research Paper:	<u>300 points</u>	D	629-540 points
<b>TOTAL:</b>	900 points	F	539-000 points

### ATTENDANCE:

Regular and prompt attendance is expected. Students are limited to four absences for the semester. Absences for authorized reasons (verified illness, bereavement, or because of some required school activity) may be made-up with the instructor's permission. To make-up an absence, a student must complete a specific assignment identified. There is a penalty for excessive absences. Students who have accumulated more than four absences before September 3 may be dropped from the class. After that date, a student will lose five points for every absence beyond the limit of four. Dropping a class is the students responsibility, do not assume that the instructor will do it for you. It is YOUR responsibility. The last **day to drop a class** without receiving a letter grade is **October 15**.