# HISTORY 11

**U.S. History to 1877**

**Fall 2012**

**Tuesday/Thursday afternoons: 2.00 pm – 3.15 pm, Life Science, Rm A**

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**Required text**: ***American History: Connecting with the Past. Vol. 1. Fourteenth Edition****,* by Alan Brinkley.

# Course Description and Objective

This course will trace the historical events and trends, and the people who effected them, in the U.S. during its infancy and through its turbulent adolescence. We will highlight certain themes: the colonial period, the struggle for continental domination, the war for independence, the constitution, the Jeffersonian era, the Jacksonian era, immigration and economic, social and political change in the first half of the nineteenth century, the Old South, the Civil War, and Reconstruction. Each student will gain a general appreciation for history, and a specific understanding of this time period; as well as valuable skills in both oral communication and written research.

# Course Assignments

1. *Classroom Participation.* This will count for 10% of your grade. Student absences, tardies, or early departures will affect this grade. Complete the assigned readings and be prepared to contribute intelligently in class.
2. *Primary Document Paper.* This is a writing assignment consists of an assessment of the importance/significance of a primary document and must include footnotes and a bibliography. This is due on **6 September.**
3. *Tests.* There will be three tests. The first will be on **13 September** covering the material from Brinkley, chapters 1-4. The second will be on **16 October**, covering material from chapters 5-8. The third will be on **13 November**, covering material from chapters 9-11. Each test will count for 10% of your grade. If you receive a deficient grade [D/F] on any test, the appropriate college department will be automatically notified. Reedley College is desirous to see all students succeed academically and will provide assistance deemed necessary to that end. If a student is unable to take the test during the regularly scheduled class time, he/she will take the test in the tutorial center and will be assessed a 10% penalty, unless a doctor’s note is proffered.
4. *Outline and Bibliography.* **This will be due several weeks prior to the submission of your term paper**, on **30 October.** It must include an outline of your paper, as well as a bibliography of the sources you plan to use for your paper. The bibliography must contain at least one primary source and three other books/journal articles on your topic. It must be typewritten, though I do accept this outline/bibliography via e-mail. A late fee will be assessed if I do not receive it in a timely fashion.Be prepared to give an oral report, in class, of the reasons that you have chosen a certain topic and how you plan to proceed with your research.
5. *A five-to-six page term paper.* The paper should be 5–6 double-spaced typed pages (cpi = 12), including proper footnoting. A bibliography must also be included. (This should be essentially the same as the one submitted in Assignment # 4 above with the same requirements as in Assignment #4). This will count for 30%. I do accept papers via e-mail, but late fees will be assessed if they are not received in a timely fashion. If you do submit electronically, please bring a hard copy to class. The submission will be dated from the time I receive the email. This is due on **20 November**.
6. *Final exam.* This will cover chapters 12-15 and will be on **11 December**. It will count for 10%.

**Grading**

1. Classroom attendance and participation: 10%
2. Tests. **13 September**: 10%; **16 October**: 10%; **13 November**: 10%.
3. Outline & Bibliography: 10%
4. Term paper: 30%
5. Primary Document Paper: 10%
6. Final exam: 10%

# Grade Distribution: A = 90% - 100%

B = 80% - 89%

# C = 70% - 79%

D = 60% - 69%

F = 0% - 59%

# Please not that grades are not rounded up, so that 89.9 is a “B”.

# If a person misses 3 consecutive classes without notifying the instructor, the student will be dropped from the class. Late fees will consist of a 10% grade reduction per week for assignments submitted after the due date.

If you have a verified need for an academic accommodation or materials in alternate media [i.e., Braille, large print, electronic text, etc.] per the Americans with Disabilities Act [ADA] or Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act, please contact me as soon as possible. If you think that you might qualify because of an existing disability, contact Disabled Students Programs & Services at 638.0332. Reasonable accommodation will be made for those with legitimate disabilities.

Everyone who participates in the educational process at Reedley College is expected to pursue honesty and integrity in all aspects of their academic work. Cases of academic dishonesty (cheating or plagiarism) may have consequences that range from partial credit after work is redone to zero credit (if it is an egregious offence).

# Important Dates

1. Last day to drop this course and qualify for a refund: **Friday, 24 August**.
2. Last day to drop this course and avoid a “W” on one’s academic record: **Friday, 31 August**.
3. Last day to drop this course and avoid a letter grade on one’s academic record: **Friday, 12 October**.
4. Final exam: **Tuesday, 11 December [2.00pm-3.50pm]**.

# Readings and Class Schedule

*Week of 14-16 August.* Class begins. Syllabus reviewed. Lecture on ch. 1.

*Week of 21-23 August.* Lecture on ch. 1 & 2.

*Week of 28-30 August.*  Lecture on ch. 2 & 3.

*Week of 4-6 September.* Lecture on ch. 3 & 4.**Primary document paper due.**

*Week of 11-13 September.* Lecture on ch. 4.**Test on ch. 1-4**.

*Week of 18-20 September.* Lecture on ch. 5.

*Week of 25-27 September.* Lecture on ch. 6. Topics finalized for term paper.

*Week of 2-4 October.*  Lecture on ch. 7.

*Week of 9-11 October.* Lecture on ch. 8.

*Week of 16-18 October.* **Test on ch. 5-8**. Lecture on ch. 9.

*Week of 23-25 October.* Lecture on ch. 9.

*Week of 30 October-1 November.* Lecture on ch. 10. **Outline & Bibliography due.**

*Week of 6-8 November.* Lecture on ch. 11.

*Week of 13-15 November.* **Test on ch. 9-11**. Lecture on ch. 12.

*Week of 20 November.* Lecture ch. 13. **Term papers due.** No class on Thursday. Enjoy eating lots of turkey on Thanksgiving.

*Week of 27-29 November.* Lecture ch. 14.

*Week of 4-6 December.* Lecture ch. 15.

*Week of 11-13 December.* **Final Exam** on ch. 12-15 on Tuesday. No class on Thursday.

Course Aids

**WEBADVISOR for Students**

**The website is:**[**http://webadvisor.scccd.edu/**](https://skyhawk.scccd.com/exchweb/bin/redir.asp?URL=http://webadvisor.scccd.edu/)

**The standard webadvisor login is:**

**Username:  lastname\_id\_number      (example: smith\_0123456)  
Password:  six digit birth date    (example: January 10th, 1970 = 011070)**

**Be careful! Webadvisor will probably make you change your password when you first use it.  
Write it down - make it simple.  
Try using your initials and then your birthday.**

**The helpdesk hours are 8-5 Monday thru Friday.  
The email address is** [**helpdesk@scccd.edu**](mailto:helpdesk@scccd.edu) **-- try to use this first  
The phone number is 244-5960 -- try to use this for emergencies only.**

**BLACKBOARD**

**The website is:**[**http://blackboard.scccd.edu/**](https://skyhawk.scccd.com/exchweb/bin/redir.asp?URL=http://blackboard.scccd.edu/)

**The standard blackboard login is:  
Username:  id\_number  (example: 0123456)  
Password:  id\_number  (same number again)**

**The helpdesk hours are 8-5 Monday thru Friday.  
The email address is** [**bbhelp@fresnocitycollege.edu**](mailto:bbhelp@fresnocitycollege.edu) **-- try to use this first  
The phone number is 265-5760 -- try to use this for emergencies only.**