# HISTORY 11

**U.S. History to 1877**

**Spring 2012**

**Monday/Wednesday afternoons: 3.00 pm – 5.50 pm, Forum 1**

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**Required text**: ***American History. A Survey, Vol. 1 to 1877,*** *Thirteenth 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 it 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. *Read the text.* Complete the assigned readings and be prepared to contribute intelligently in class.
2. *Tests.* There will be three tests. The first will be on **28 September** covering the material from Brinkley, chapters 1-4. The second will be on **26 October**, covering material from chapters 5-8. The third will be on **16 November**, covering material from chapters 9-11. Each test will count for 10% of your grade.
3. *Outline and Bibliography.* **This will be due several weeks prior to the submission of your term paper**, on 2 **November.** 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 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.
4. *A five-page term paper.* The paper should be 5–6 double-spaced typed pages (font = 12), including proper footnoting. A bibliography must also be included. (This should be essentially the same as the one submitted in Assignment # 4 above). This will count for 25%. 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 **23 November**.
5. *Document Comparison*. This is a writing assignment based on a comparison of primary sources. This is due on **12 October.**
6. *Final exam.* This will cover chapters 12-15 and will be on **14 December**. It will count for 20%.

**Grading**

1. Classroom attendance and participation: 10%
2. Tests. **28 September**: 10%; **26 October**: 10%; **16 November**: 10%
3. Outline & Bibliography: 5%
4. Term paper: 25%
5. Document Comparison: 10%
6. Final exam: 20%

# Grade Distribution: A = 90% - 100%

B = 80% - 89%

# C = 70% - 79%

D = 60% - 69%

F = 0% - 59%

# If a person misses 2 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 10 September**.
2. Last day to drop this course: **Friday 22 October**.
3. Final exam: **Tuesday 14 Dec**.

# Readings and Class Schedule

*12 March.* Class begins. Syllabus reviewed. Lecture on ch. 1.

*14 March.* Lecture on ch. 1 & 2.

*19 March.*  Lecture on ch. 3.

*21 March.* Lecture on ch. 4.

*26 March.* **Test on ch. 1-4**. Lecture on ch. 5.

*28 March.* Lecture on ch. 6. Topics finalized for term paper.

*9 April.* Lecture on ch. 7. **Document comparison due.**

*11 April.*  Lecture on ch. 8.

*16 April.* **Test on ch. 5-8**. Lecture on ch. 9.

*18 April.* Lecture on ch. 10. ***Outline & Bibliography* due.**

*23 April.* Lecture on ch. 11.

*25 April.* **Test on ch. 9-11**. Lecture on ch. 12.

*30 April.* Lecture ch. 13. **Term papers due.**

*2 May.* Lecture ch. 14.

*7 May.* Lecture ch. 15.

*14 May.* **Final Exam** on ch. 12-15.

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.**