# HISTORY 12-#59194 Syllabus

**U.S. History from 1877**

**Fall 2014**

**Tuesday/Thursday afternoons: 2.00 pm – 3.15 pm, LFS Room A**

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**Required text**: ***American History. Connecting with the Past. Vol. 2: From 1865. 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. from its rise from ashes [1865] to its height of global dominance [1990s] to its role in an age of global distractions. We will highlight certain themes: the age of Reconstruction, the age of industrialization and its concomitant strengths and weaknesses, the periods of World Wars, the struggle against communism, the turbulent 1960s and 1970s, and the global strategies of the 1980s-2000s. 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 + Study Guide Assignments.* This will count for 10% of your grade. Complete the study guide assignments and be prepared to contribute to classroom discussions. Each set of study guide assignments will be due on the day on which its corresponding test/exam is scheduled. No late submissions will be accepted. This will be submitted in Blackboard in the Content section.
2. *Tests.* There will be three tests. The first will be on **9 September** covering the material from Brinkley, chapters 15-18. The second will be on **7 October**, covering material from chapters 19-22. The third will be on **6 November**, covering material from chapters 23-27. Each test will count for 15% of your grade. Bring a **scantron [882-E]**, and a No. 2 pencil. 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 produced.
3. *The Proposal.* This is a description of your proposed topic and why you’ve chosen this topic. You need to provide a thesis statement and how you are proposing to prove this thesis. It must also include a bibliography of journal articles, primary sources and other sources that you will be using in your research, though this list may not be exhaustive. This assignment is worth 3% and is due on **4 September** and is to be submitted in Blackboard.
4. *First draft of term paper*. This paper must be submitted to **Turnitin** through the Content section of Blackboard.The term paper is to be a minimum of five pages [font=Times New Roman 12] and no longer than seven pages. It must include a bibliography that has five entries, one of which must be a primary document and three of which must be articles from academic journals. This draft must also include citations in the form of footnotes.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.**Turnitin** does not accept late submissions, so be sure to submit your assignment before midnight on **25 September.** This assignment is worth 7%.
5. *Final Draft of 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 #3, albeit with corrections to the mechanics and the grammar, as well as any further research that you may have done.) This will count for 20% and is due on **13 November**. This paper must be submitted to **Turnitin** through the Content section of Blackboard.
6. *Final exam.* This will cover chapters 28-32 and will be on **Tuesday, 9 December**. It will count for 15%.

**Grading**

1. Classroom participation and study guide completions: 10%
2. Tests. **9 September**: 15%; **7 October**: 15%; **6 November**: 15%.
3. The Proposal: 3%
4. First draft of term paper: 7%
5. Final draft of term paper: 20%
6. Final exam: 15%

# Grade Distribution: A = 90% - 100%

B = 80% - 89.9%

# C = 70% - 79.9%

D = 60% - 69.9%

F = 0% - 59.9%

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

# If a student is absent for two successive weeks of instruction, it will be reported to the appropriate office of the college, and risks being 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, 22 August**.
2. Last day to drop this course and avoid a “W” on one’s academic record: **Friday, 29 August**.
3. Last day to change a class to/from a Pass/No-Pass grading basis: **Friday, 12 September**.
4. Last day to drop this course and avoid a letter grade on one’s academic record: **Friday, 10 October**.
5. Final exam: **Tuesday, 9 December [2.00pm-3.50pm]**.

# Readings and Class Schedule

*Week of 12-14 August.* Syllabus reviewed. Lecture on ch. 15.

*Week of 19-21 August.* Lecture on ch. 15 & 16.

*Week of 26-28 August.* Lecture on ch. 16 & 17.

*Week of 2-4 September.* Lecture on ch. 18. **The Proposal is due on 4 September.**

*Week of 9-11 September.* **Test on ch 15-18.** Lecture on ch. 19.

*Week of 16-18 September.* Lecture on ch. 19 & 20.

*Week of 23-25 September.* Lecture on ch. 20 & 21. **First draft of term paper is due**.

*Week of 30 September-2 October.* Lecture on ch. 21 & 22.

*Week of 7-9 October.* **Test on ch. 19-22.** Lecture on ch. 23.

*Week of 14-16 October.* Lecture on ch. 23 & 24.

*Week of 21-23 October.* Lecture on ch. 25 & 26.

*Week of 28-30 October.* Lecture on ch. 26 & 27.

*Week of 4-6 November.* Lecture on ch. 27. **Test on ch. 23-27.**

*Week of 11-13 November.* Veteran’s Day/Remembrance Day observed on 11 November. Lecture on ch. 28. **Final draft of term paper is due on 13 November.**

*Week of 18-20 November.* Lecture on ch. 29 & 30.

*Week of 25-27 November.* Lecture on ch. 30. Thanksgiving Day observed on 27 November. Remember to eat lots of turkey.

*Week of 2-4 December.*  Lecture on ch 31 & 32.

*Week of 9-11 December.* **Final Exam** **on ch. 28-32 on Tuesday, 9 December @2.00pm.** 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.**