HISTORY 11. Section #53319 Syllabus

U.S. History to 1877

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Required text: *U.S. History*. Contributing authors are P. Scott Corbett, Volker Janssen, John M. Lund, Todd Pfannestiel, and Paul Vickery. This textbook is published by Open Stax. Accessed by using the following link: https://openstax.org/details/books/us-history

## Course Description and Objective

Before we leave on our trip, we will need to learn how to read maps and determine the values of primary and secondary maps. The first leg of our journey will start with stops in the Americas before the arrival of the Europeans, and in Europe before its age of exploration and expansion. Then we will head across the Atlantic to view the interchange of cultures and ethnicities between the native Americans and the encroaching Europeans. The next exit on our trip will observe the development of and differences between various colonial experiments. Then we will head to our ultimate destination: British North America and the relations and differences between the mother ship and the its offshoot daughter communities. The strained relations ultimately lead to the creation of a first European-based independent nation outside of the eastern hemisphere. The road will then follow the curves of this growing nation and the various challenges that it faced both internally and externally. We will then visit the growing disparity and divergence of the northern and southern sections of the country that lead to a disastrous and devastating conflict. This journey will end with efforts to bind the wounds that were both systemic and self-inflicted, wounds that are enduring and still surface today in the country.

## Course Assignments

1. Introductory Video. Take an introductory video of yourself and upload it in the assignment section of Canvas [5 points].
2. Read the text and/or PowerPoints.Being prepared for class will improve comprehension and enhance test scoring performance. It will also promote more contributions to the discussions. There will be weekly quizzes based on the PowerPoints/lectures.
3. Attendance and Participation.Student inactivity for a prolonged period may result in the student being dropped from the class. If a student fails to do any assignment within the first two weeks, the student will be dropped from the class [2 points].
4. Writing Assignments/Discussions. There will be at least two discussions/writing assignments associated with each module/week. There are 16 of these throughout the semester and each of them are worth 5 points [80 points].
5. Tests/Quizzes. There will be tests/quizzes each week associated with the lectures. Module 1 has a 5 point quiz within the lecture and then there is a 12 point quiz at the end of the first module. Every other module will have a 12 point quiz that will be due on Monday nights. Remember to take the test on time, because there is a 10% reduction per day and if the test is not taken by day 10, zero credit will be given. If a student receives a deficient grade [D/F] on any test, the Starfish Alert system may be notified. Reedley College is desirous to see all students succeed academically and will provide any assistance deemed necessary to that end. Such services may include getting help from a history tutor at the Tutorial Center [173 points].
6. The Research Paper.This assignment will consist of 4 parts: the first assignment will be to analyze the evidence in two primary documents [10 points]. This is due on 30 September. The second part, due on 9 October, is to formulate a thesis [5 points]. The third part is to create an outline [5 points]. The outline is due on 23 October. The fourth part is the final 1,200 word draft, complete with footnoting and a bibliography [80 points], which is due on 13 November. The final draft must be submitted to the Assignment/Turnitin section of Canvas.

If your paper lands in the red zone of Turnitin and has a score of 75% in the similarity index/score, the assignment will not be accepted, will receive a zero grade, and the offence will be reported to the dean’s office. If your paper lands between 50%--75% in the similarity index, your paper will be downgraded.

1. Office Hours.If the college administration awards the instructor office hours, a student may seek assistance on anything related to this course. I will tentatively hold office hours via Zoom at the following time slot: 12.00pm-12.30pm on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. These hours are only from the sixth to seventeenth week of the semester [15 September to 2 December 2020].

## Grading

Total number of points to be awarded is 360.

## Grade Distribution

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| Final Grade | Final Percentage |
| A | 90-100 |
| B | 80-89 |
| C | 70-79 |
| D | 60-69 |
| F | 0-59 |

If a student has 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 the instructor as soon as possible. If a student thinks that he/she 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 serious consequences that range from partial credit after work is redone to zero credit (if it is an egregious offence).

## Communication Policy

1. It is very important that I am in constant contact with you throughout this semester. If you are doing well and doing every assignment in a timely fashion, I still would like to hear from you. If you are struggling with an assignment and/or lagging in the weekly readings and assignments, feel free to ask me how I can encourage you to strive on.
2. My preferred mode of communication is through the course’s Canvas Inbox. In that window, you will click on the ‘pencil’ icon on the top of the screen to open a dialog box. I will usually respond to these messages within 24 hours. If you do not hear from me within that time frame, please try to resend the message, because I may not have received the message or may have accidentally deleted it!
3. You can also communicate with me through email. My email address is: ron.froese@reedleycollege.edu. Again, you should hear back from me within 24 hours.
4. You can also visit with me during Office Hours. This will be through Zoom and there will be a waiting room where you will wait until admitted into my ‘virtual office’. Since I am an adjunct instructor, my office hours have not been awarded yet, but they usually start in the 6th week of the semester and will be for 2 one-hour segments.
5. Another way that you can communicate with me or with other students in this class, is through the Question and Answer Discussion Board. Here you can ask questions about anything relating to History 11, and I or your colleagues will share our insights.

## Drop Policy

1. If a student does not complete the introductory video/written assignment [ birthplace, high school, academic goals, ultimate destination for work] by the end of the first week, the student will be dropped from the class unless the instructor has been notified with a valid reason for a late submission.
2. If a student fails to participate in the class, submit any work or contribute significantly to any discussion, for more than two weeks, then that student will be dropped from the class unless the student has notified the instructor of the reason for the hiatus. Valid absences may include illness or injury.
3. After the mid-way point in the semester, at the end of the 9th week, if the student is failing and has not withdrawn from the class, the student will be unable to withdraw from the class without receiving a letter grade..

## Late Work Policy

1. If a student submits work after the due date, Canvas will assess a late submission penalty. If this submission is only a few minutes late [no longer than 15 minutes], the instructor may waive the penalty.
2. For each day that the assignment is past due, the student will lose 10%. After ten days, there will be no credit given for the assignment. It is extremely important that each student keep up with the weekly assignments in order not to incur late penalties.

## Important Dates

1. Last day to drop this course and qualify for a refund: **Friday,** **21 August**.
2. Last day to register for a full-term class: **Friday,** **28 August.**
3. Last day to drop this course on WebAdvisor and avoid a “W” on one’s academic record: **Friday, 28 August**.
4. Last day to change to/from pass/no pass: **Friday, 11 September.**
5. Last day to drop this course and avoid a letter grade on one’s academic record: **Friday,** **9 October.**
6. End of the semester: **Friday, 11 December**.

## Readings and Class Schedule

*Week 1. Module 0. Assignment due by Monday, 14 August.*

*Week 2. Module 1a. Assignments due by Monday, 24 August.*

*Week 3. Module 1b. Assignments due by Monday, 31 August.*

*Week 4. Module 2. Assignments due by Monday, 7 September.*

*Week 5. Module 3. Assignments due by Monday, 14 September.*

*Week 6. Module 4. Assignments due by Monday, 21 September.*

*Week 7. Module 5. Assignments due by Monday, 28 September.*

*Week 8. Module 6a. Assignments due by Monday, 5 October.*

*Week 9. Module 6b. Assignments due by Monday, 12 October.*

*Week 10. Module 7. Assignments due by Monday, 19 October.*

*Week 11. Module 8. Assignments due by Monday, 26 October.*

*Week 12. Module 9. Assignments due by Monday, 2 November.*

*Week 13. Module 10. Assignments due by Monday, 9 November.*

*Week 14. Module 11. Assignments due by Monday, 23 November.*

*Week 15. Module 12. Assignments due by Monday, 30 November.*

*Week 16. Module 13a. Assignments due by Monday, 7 December.*

*Week 17. Module 13b. Assignments due by Monday, 14 December.*

## 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 **-- try to use this first
The phone number is 244-5960 -- try to use this for emergencies only.**

Instructors and students can access Canvas by going to [https://scccd.instructure.com](https://scccd.instructure.com/)

**Students** – log in using the following procedure:

**Username**: Your 7-digit student ID number.

**Password**: If you have not previously changed your password, it is:
First name initial (upper case) + last name initial (lowercase) + date of birth (mmddyy)
**Example**: John Smith born on July 9th of 1988     Password =Js070988