

Kings River Community College Syllabus

INSTRUCTOR:

Randall Miller

COURSE:

History 11

COURSE TITLE:

United States History thru Reconstruction

TEXTS:

American History A Survey 9th ed. by Alan Brinkley
Study Guide for American History by Harvey Jackson

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

This course is a survey of the political, social and cultural development of the American people from the earliest human settlement thru Reconstruction.

COURSE OBJECTIVES:

To provide students with an understanding of: 1) basic research methods and interpretations as developed by American analysts 2) the development and constant testing of the ideas and institutions of popular, constitutional self-government since the founding of the first colonies 3) the foundations of ethnic art, music and literature 4) the changing ideas about womanhood and childhood 5) the need to think clearly and critically about the relationship between the past and the present 6) how historians analyze data and create and test interpretations and theories. This will be measured by the students taking and successfully completing several examinations and by writing a paper on some aspect of American history.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS:

1) Assigned readings 2) exams 3) term paper 4) film and video notes

COURSE SCHEDULE:

Thursday 6:00 p.m. - 8:50 p.m.

Holidays: Thanksgiving (Thursday-Friday, November 28-29)

Quizzes: Sept. 12 (Chpts. 1-3) Oct. 10 (Chpts. 4-6) Nov. 7 (Chpts. 7-9) Dec. 5 (Chpts. 10-12)

Final: (Chpts. 1-15)

Term Paper: Nov. 28

ATTENDANCE:

Attendance will be recorded for each class meeting. If a student arrives to the class after roll has been taken, the student must notify the instructor of their attendance at the end of the class session. If a student misses six consecutive class meetings without notifying the instructor, the student will be dropped from the class. Last day to drop a semester length course is Friday, October 18 (a letter grade is issued after this date).

GRADING CRITERIA:

Questions for exams are drawn from both the text and the lecture. The exams will consist of multiple choice, essay, true-false and map questions.

BASIS FOR GRADE:

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| Final | 50 points | A | 200-180 points |
| Term Paper | 60 points | B | 179-160 points |
| Quizzes | 20 points each = 80 points total | C | 159-140 points |
| Film & Video Notes | <u>10 points</u> | D | 139-120 points |
| TOTAL: | 200 points | F | 119-000 points |

MISSED EXAMS:

In the event a student misses an exam, provisions must be made with the instructor prior to the next class meeting to make up the missed exam. It will be the responsibility of the student to arrange for the make-up. Failure to do so will result in the student receiving a zero for that particular exam.

If you have a documented disability and wish to discuss academic accommodations, please contact me as soon as possible.