

**History 11**  
**United States to 1865 (78116)**  
**Fall 1999 M,TH,F (8:19-9:05)**

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**Required Text:** *American History: A Survey*, Vol. 1 Tenth Edition. Allen Brinkley.

**Course Description and Objectives:**

This course will trace the evolution of the United States from the colonial era to 1865. Topics covered will include the study of Pre-Columbian Native Societies, colonial policies of the 1600s and the 1700s, the American Revolution, the Constitutional Convention, the growth of the American political system, the Jacksonian era, Westward expansion, slavery, and the Civil War.

The goal of this course is NOT to memorize historical trivia. Our purpose is to acquire an understanding of the broad forces that have forged the politics, government, economy, and society of the United States. These themes directly relate to America and your lives today! Wars, crime, political strife, and social problems are all aspects of continuing trends in American history. Thus, we can better understand our own society by studying the past.

**COURSE EXPECTATIONS AND ASSIGNMENTS:**

Examinations. There will be 4 examinations covering assigned readings and lectures. They will consist of equally weighted essay and multiple choice sections. Each examination will be worth a total of 100 points (50 essay-50 Multiple Choice), and count toward the overall course grade. NO EXAM SCORES WILL BE DROPPED.

Term Paper. Each student will be expected to complete a 6 to 8 page paper covering a historical topic of YOUR OWN choosing. The topic must fit within the content of the course, and you must clear your topic with the instructor by November 29. The paper will be worth 100 points and is due on December 10.

Quizzes. There will be a total of 8 quizzes, which will be based on reading material in the text book chapters. The two lowest scores will be dropped, and there will be NO MAKE-UP quizzes. The sum total of the six remaining quizzes will be worth 100 points.

Extra Credit. Extra credit is available on request, and must be cleared through the instructor. This will take on the form of a brief written assignment (2-3 pages).

## HOW YOUR GRADE IS CALCULATED

Total Points: 400 (4 midterms) + 100 (quizzes) + 100 (term paper) = 600 points.

Grades will be assigned on a straight percentage basis. 100%-90%=A, 89%-80%=B, 79%-70%=C, 69%-60%=D, 59% and below =F.

## ATTENDANCE POLICY: (Read very, very, very carefully.)

Regular and prompt attendance is required. Students are limited to 6 absences for the semester. Absences for authorized reasons (verified illness, bereavement, or a required school activity) may be made-up with the instructor's permission. You must contact the instructor within one week. **NOTE!** Students with excessive absences (~~before the drop date 10/15/99~~) will be dropped. Students who miss more than 6 total absences will be penalized 20 points per absence.

## KEYS TO SUCCESS:

You do not need to be a history major to succeed in this course. You need to attend class, work steadily, and work consistently. Take good notes during lectures, read carefully, keep up with assignments, and be ready to participate. But most of all, give your best effort.

### Holidays:

Labor Day 9/6

SDD Days 10/11, 11/12

Veterans' Day 11/11

Thanksgiving Holiday 1124-1127