

HISTORY 12

United States since 1865

FALL 1999 T 6:00-9:00

Instructor: Frank Huerta

Required Text: *American History, A Survey, and Vol. II*. Tenth Edition, Alan Brinkley

Recommended: The set of homework assignments prepared by Professor Genera available in the Reedley College BookStore.

COURSE DESCRIPTION AND OBJECTIVES

This course traces U.S. history from the end of the Civil War to present. Topics include Reconstruction, Westward Expansion, Indian Wars, Immigration, WWII, the Great Depression, WWII, the Cold War, the Civil Rights Movement, and other developments of the past 20 years.

Our goal is to obtain an understanding of the broad forces that have shaped the politics, economy, and society of the United States. These themes directly relate to America today. The study of the past can help us better understand the present.

COURSE EXPECTATIONS:

Your overall course grade depends on the components marked below.

Examinations: There will be five examinations covering assigned readings and lectures. Each examination will be worth 100 points. Each examination will consist of 2 equally weighted (essay and multiple choice) sections. The student will need a blue book and scantron for each exam. All five will count toward the final grade. Students will be notified of their exam dates well in advance, and will have possible essay questions provided for them. If you miss an exam, contact instructor immediately to arrange a make up exam. The make-up format will change to consist of fill-in and essay. Cheating on any exam will lead to an automatic F for the course.

Term Paper: Each student will complete a 6 to 9 page term paper. The paper will be due on the last day of instruction. The student must clear topic with instructor by 11/30/99. The paper must be properly footnoted and contain a bibliography. The failure to properly cite references will be considered plagiarism. The paper will be worth 100 points.

Extra Credit: Extra credit is only available upon the approval of the instructor. It will consist of a written assignment, and the student must have a good attendance record.

HOW YOUR GRADE IS CALCULATED

Total Points: 500 (5 Examinations) + 100 (Term Paper) = 600 points

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

ATTENDANCE POLICY

Regular and prompt attendance is required. Since the class meets only once a week, students are limited to two absences for the semester. Absences for authorized reasons (bereavement, illness, or school activity) may be made up, but you must contact the instructor within one week of the absence. For each additional absence beyond the two allotted, students will lose 50 points per absence. Note: a tardy is equal to half an absence. **The instructor may drop students, who miss two classes before the drop date of 10/22/00.**

KEYS TO SUCCESS:

You get out of this class what you put into it. Work steadily and consistently, and show interest in the material. Take good notes on lectures, and keep up with the textbook, and most of all come ready to participate. If you do these things, you will be successful.