

Reedley College Syllabus

INSTRUCTOR:

Randall Miller

COURSE AND TITLE:

History 12: History of the United States since 1865

REQUIRED TEXTS:

American History: A Survey Vol II: since 1865 by: Alan Brinkley

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

Political, social and economic development of the United States since the late 19th century; U.S. as a world power.

COURSE SCHEDULE:

Thursday 6:00- 9:00 p.m. and Saturday 9:00 - 12:00 a.m.

Exams: October 30, November 6, November 20, December 4

Final: December 11

Paper: December 2

COURSE EXPECTATIONS AND ASSIGNMENTS:

The overall course grade depends on the components outlined below. A point system will be used to calculate each student's grade for the semester.

* **Exams:** There will be four exams covering assigned readings and course lectures. Each exam is worth 100 points. The lowest grade will be dropped. If you miss an exam it will become a 0. There are no make-up exams.

* **Research Paper:** Each student will complete a minimum 2,000 word research paper, the subject of which must be approved by the instructor first. Please see attached papers for more details. The paper will be worth 300 points.

* **Video Notes:** For this class, students will take notes on each video watched within the class. Each video note will have at least one paragraph of information detailing what was seen and learned from the video. Each video will be written on a separate piece of paper. The video notes will be worth a total of 50 points.

* **Final:** This will be a cumulative exam of everything learned during the course of this class. The Final will be worth 250 points. If you miss the final exam it will become a 0. It will not be possible to pass the course without this grade.

BASIS FOR GRADE:

Exams: (100 points each)	300 points	A	900-810 points
Video Notes:	50 points	B	809-720 points
Final:	250 points	C	719-630 points
Research Paper:	<u>300 points</u>	D	629-540 points
TOTAL:	900 points	F	539-000 points

ATTENDANCE:

Regular and prompt attendance is expected. Students are limited to two absences for the semester. Absences for authorized reasons (verified illness, bereavement, or because of some required school activity) may be made-up with the instructor's permission, no more than two such absences may be made-up in this way. To make-up an absence, a student must complete a specific assignment identified. There is a penalty for excessive absences. A student will lose five points for every absence beyond the limit of four. Dropping a class is the students responsibility, do not assume that the instructor will do it for you. It is YOUR responsibility.

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