

## SYLLABUS FOR ONLINE HISTORY 12 (HIST-12- 56813)

# HISTORY OF THE UNITED STATES SINCE 1865, **FALL 2015**

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**HISTORY 12 COURSE DESCRIPTION:** This course traces the development of the United States from 1865 to the present, evaluating the events, individuals, and factors that have transformed America into a complex, multicultural, twenty-first century global superpower.

**HOW THIS ONLINE CLASS WILL FUNCTION:** This course is taught entirely online. All of the required learning materials (except the course textbook) for this web-based version of History 12 will be made available online through the course site established on the "Blackboard" learning management system used by the State Center Community College District. On the course site, students will have access to recorded class lectures as well as the course quizzes, exams, homework assignments, and analytical essay assignment.

**REQUIRED TEXTBOOK:** This required textbook for this course is entitled *American History, Volume 2*, by Alan Brinkley. **ALL STUDENTS IN ONLINE HISTORY 12 MUST HAVE THIS TEXTBOOK.** The 14<sup>th</sup> edition is the most recent. **The 13<sup>th</sup> edition of the Brinkley textbook is acceptable also.** The title of the Brinkley textbook varies slightly from the 14<sup>th</sup> to the 13<sup>th</sup> edition. The newer Brinkley textbook uses the title *American History – Connecting with the Past*; the older Brinkley textbooks have the title *American History – A Survey*. Students are encouraged to find the most economical (least expensive) version of the Brinkley textbook, whether it is used or new, purchased or rented.

Students may obtain the required textbook by (1) purchasing the textbook at the Reedley College Bookstore (I cannot guarantee that the campus book stores at FCC, Madera, or Clovis will have this specific textbook); (2) finding the textbook (new or used) through some online source; (3) purchasing the text from a student who has taken this class; (4) purchasing the online version of the textbook (for those students who do not want to use a conventional hardcopy textbook) from the publisher's website. The publisher is McGraw-Hill.

**Students who intend to enroll in this course should begin the process of acquiring the Brinkley textbook Vol. 2 RIGHT AWAY in order to have the book in hand by the end of the first week of the semester.** The Brinkley text is a basic requirement for this course; it provides the background and framework for the course lectures. The information in the text allows students to complete the homework assignments and prepare for each exam of the semester.

**BASIC SKILLS ADVISORIES FOR HISTORY 12:** Eligibility for English 125 and 126.

**STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES FOR HISTORY 12:** Upon completing this course, students will be able to:

1. Identify the changing characteristics of American political and governmental institutions since 1865.
2. Analyze the fundamental changes in the American economy since 1865.
3. Identify the key trends and movements in American cultural, social and intellectual life since 1865.
4. Analyze the causes and consequences of America's foreign policy, wars, and rise to global prominence since 1865.
5. Identify the contributions and changing roles of gender and ethnic groups in American history since 1865.
6. Demonstrate the ability to interpret primary and secondary sources, discern between the two and to compose an argument which uses them, as appropriate, for support.

### COURSE ASSIGNMENTS FOR ONLINE HISTORY 12:

**CRITICAL TASK: MUST BE COMPLETED BY THE SECOND DAY OF THE SEMESTER:** By the end of Tuesday, August 18, 2015, every student enrolled in online History 12 must contact the course Blackboard site, read the course syllabus, and view the orientation video that is required for this course. There is a clearly marked "Check-in Here" file on the course sidebar menu where students can confirm that they have completed these two tasks. This is the way students demonstrate that they are genuine students who are "present" for the semester's work. **STUDENTS WHO HAVE NOT LOGGED INTO THE COURSE SITE AND COMPLETED THESE TASKS BY 5:00PM ON AUGUST 18 MAY BE DROPPED FROM THE COURSE.**

**VIEWING RECORDED CLASS LECTURES:** The primary learning component of this course consists of **recorded lectures** delivered by the instructor in front of a live class during a previous semester. These recordings are posted on the course Blackboard site for students to view. **Students must have access to a computer or other internet-capable device (and the necessary software) that will allow them to view the recorded lectures on the course Blackboard site. Viewing the recorded lectures is a mandatory activity in this course.**

In this course, students are expected to spend an average of three hours per week viewing the recorded lectures. The lectures make the student's educational experience in this online course similar to a face-to-face class. You will see the same presentations (power point slides, instructor commentary, video clips, music) that are delivered to the face-to-face class version of History 12. However, you will have the flexibility to access course materials any hour, day or night.

The recorded lectures are the principal learning tool for students to prepare for five major exams scheduled throughout the semester. No specific points are awarded for viewing each lecture. However, watching the lectures and capturing the information they contain is each student's main responsibility in this online course; it is the basic learning activity underlying all of the other course assignments.

Student lecture viewing activity will be monitored closely by the instructor each week through the student contacts registered in the Blackboard system. **Students who do not demonstrate regular lecture viewing activity will receive a warning from the instructor; failure to satisfy the lecture viewing requirement will result in the student being dropped from the course.**

(NOTICE: the lecture materials presented in this course are intended solely for the use of students enrolled in this course. Reproduction or retransmission of the lectures without the express authorization of the instructor is prohibited.)

- **GRADED ASSIGNMENTS FOR ONLINE HISTORY 12:** The overall course grade for History 12 depends on the components detailed below.
- **FIVE EXAMINATIONS (100 points each):** There are **five major** examinations in this course. Each exam consists of approximately 65 multiple choice questions. The questions are based on the information provided in course lectures and assigned reading from the course textbook. The fifth (and final) exam is NOT comprehensive. All five exams count toward the overall course grade; **no exam score will be dropped.**
- **All of the exams will be offered in the online mode on the course Blackboard site.**

Note: Students who prefer to take the exams in a face-to-face testing session (using a hard copy of the exam) may make an appointment with the instructor to take a paper version of the exam in a live session on the Reedley College campus. Arrangements for face-to-face testing sessions must be made with the instructor one week in advance of the date set for the online version of the exam.
- **ONE ANALYTICAL ESSAY (TERM PAPER (100 points plus the possibility of ten bonus points):** The instructor will identify a list of topics for the term paper. Students must choose one topic from this list. Each topic will involve reading specific articles required for the essay topic. After reading the required articles, students will write a five page term paper summarizing, comparing, and critiquing the views presented in the articles. No research is required for this assignment; it is a task involving the summary, analysis, and comparison of contrasting ideas in articles by prominent historians and journalists. The specific articles will be supplied by the instructor.
- **FOUR QUIZZES: (40 points):** There will be **four quizzes** conducted on the Blackboard site at arranged times. Each quiz counts for 10 points
- **HOMEWORK: (60 points total, with the possibility of bonus points):** The online History 12 Blackboard site includes a file labeled "**HOMEWORK ASSIGNMENTS**" where the instructor will post a Microsoft Word document containing a series of homework questions relating to each chapter of the course textbook.
  - Students will complete the homework by reading the assigned textbook chapter, finding the information in the textbook to answer the homework questions, and typing (and saving) their answers to the homework questions into the blank spaces in the Microsoft Word document. The questions contained in the homework assignments also relate to questions that will appear on the course tests, so the homework assignments function as a study guide for each exam.
  - Specific due dates for each homework assignment will be given throughout the semester. Students will submit their homework will to the instructor through Blackboard. The completed homework questions for the textbook chapters leading to Tests # 1, 2, 3, and 4 will count for 15 points each for a total of 60 points. The homework for the textbook chapters leading to Test #5, which is the final exam, will be treated as an extra credit assignment
- **WEEKLY TIME COMMITMENT FOR ONLINE HISTORY 12:** Students can anticipate the following tasks each week of the semester: (1) View three hours of recorded lectures on the course Blackboard site; (2) Read one chapter of the textbook (approximately 30 pages); (3) complete the related chapter homework questions at the same time (13 to 20 questions). The homework answers should reflect a thorough knowledge of the information in the textbook chapters. **ESTIMATED HOURS PER WEEK: SIX TO NINE HOURS OF LECTURE VIEWING, READING, AND HOMEWORK.**

### **HOW YOUR OVERALL COURSE GRADE IS CALCULATED:**

Total points for the semester: 700. The 700 points include the following elements:

- 500 points (five examinations) +
- 100 points (term paper) +
- 40 points (four quizzes) =
- 60 points (four sets of textbook chapter homework questions, with each set counting for 15 points)

Based on 700 points as the maximum for the class, students who earn 90% or more of the possible points will receive an A; 89% to 80% equals a B; 79% to 70% represents a C; 69% to 60% amounts to a D; 59% or lower translates into a failing grade.

**ACCESSING THE ONLINE HISTORY 12 BLACKBOARD SITE:** If you are a regular user of the “Blackboard” system, you already know how to login to Blackboard, and this class should appear as a class for you to access. If you are a new user of Blackboard, to access the course site, go to: <http://blackboard.reedleycollege.edu>. The instructions for logging into your Blackboard courses are as follows:

Your username for Blackboard is your student ID number. Your password for Blackboard is your first initial (upper case), your last initial (lower case), and your 6-digit date of birth.

For example, student John Smith was born on December 25, 1997 and has a student ID number of 0123456. John’s Blackboard login information would be: Username: **0123456** Password: **Js122597**

**REQUIRED E-MAIL ADDRESS FOR ONLINE HISTORY 12:** In this class, students need to use their specific State Center Community College email address in order to receive email communications from the instructor.

If you are already checking and using your “my.scccd.edu” email address, you are ready to receive my emails. If not, you must activate and use your “my.scccd.edu” account right away. To do this, go to the Reedley College homepage on the internet (<http://reedleycollege.edu>) and look for instructions on how to activate your college email account. **To repeat, all students enrolled in online History 12 must use the college-provided “my.scccd.edu” email account, not their personal accounts with other providers such as Yahoo, Comcast, Hotmail, gmail, etc.**

## **REQUIREMENTS FOR “ACTIVE PARTICIPATION:”**

Assignments, announcements, quizzes, exams, and lectures will be available by logging in to the course site on Blackboard. The instructor will not record attendance because there is no weekly “attendance” such as would exist in a face-to-face class.

However, **this class does require all students to demonstrate that they are actively participating** in the course; **each student is expected to engage in several hours of study activity for this course every week of the semester.**

**To demonstrate “active participation” in this course, students must:**

- (1) Login to the course site and check their “my.scccd.edu” email accounts at least every two days.**
- (2) Make steady and timely progress in completing the reading and homework assignments.**
- (3) View the course recorded lectures each week as the lectures are posted on the course Blackboard site. Students should spend an average of at least three hours per week viewing the recorded lectures.**

These requirements are intended to assure that students are actively engaged in the class and performing the required assignments in the course, just as would be required in a face-to-face class.

**Students who fail to demonstrate “active participation”** will initially receive a warning from the instructor. Continued non-compliance will result in suspension from access to course assignments. **Students who demonstrate a persistent pattern of non-participation will be dropped from the course.**

**BE AWARE OF THE DROP DEADLINE DATE.** Students may withdraw from this course without a letter grade until **Friday, October 16, 2015.** After that date everyone enrolled in the class **WILL RECEIVE A LETTER GRADE.**

**ACCOMMODATION:** If you have 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.

**CLASS POLICY ON PLAGIARISM AND CHEATING:** In this class, cheating on an exam or quiz will typically result in a grade of “zero” points on the exam or quiz. In the case of a plagiarized term paper or homework assignment, the student will typically receive a score of “zero” points on the assignment. The student will also be referred to the Vice President of Student Services for disciplinary action.

## **IF YOU MISS AN EXAM OR QUIZ:**

- (1) No test scores are dropped in this class. ANY MISSED EXAM MUST BE MADE-UP WITHIN ONE WEEK.** Contact the instructor and set a time to complete a make-up exam. Quizzes and homework assignments are posted for a specific period; once they have expired, there is no makeup option.
- (2) The makeup exam will be different from the “regular,” scheduled test. It will cover the same chapters, but it will usually consist of short-answer essay questions, fill-in-the-blank questions, and multiple choice questions. Makeup exams may have to be taken in a face-to-face session scheduled with the instructor on the Reedley College campus. They may not be offered online.**

**FINAL COMMENTS AND KEYS TO SUCCESS:** You need not be a history major or have any special prior knowledge of American history to perform well in this class. All the information you need for success is available in the recorded lectures, homework assignments, and reading materials, and study guides prepared for this course.

Every student can succeed by working steadily on the assignments (that is, reading the textbook, completing the homework, and viewing the recorded course lectures on Blackboard every week). If you have questions or need an explanation, contact me via email. Welcome to History 12. Let’s make this a meaningful and successful semester.

**TENTATIVE SCHEDULE FOR INSTRUCTION**  
**ONLINE HISTORY 12 (HIST -12-56813) - FALL 2015 - COURSE BY RANDY GENERA**

WEEK	DATES	TOPICS AND TEXTBOOK CHAPTERS FOR THE WEEK	INSTRUCTIONS & ASSIGNMENTS
1	AUG 17 - 21	Introduction to History 12; <b>Chapter 17, Industrial Supremacy.</b> Industrialization and modernization in the USA during the late 1800s. The impact of industrialization on American society, the union movement, philosophies and culture of the era.	1. Read the syllabus and view the orientation video. Complete the "Check-In" Process by Tuesday August 18. 3. View recorded lectures for Chapter 17 4. Read Chapter 17, complete homework
2	AUG 24 - 28	<b>Chapter 18: The Age of the City.</b> New immigration patterns; the impact of immigration on American society, expansion, modernization and advances in technology transform America's cities. <b>INSTRUCTIONS, DUE DATES, AND TOPICS FOR THE "ANALYTICAL ESSAY" ASSIGNMENT" (also known as the term paper) WILL BE POSTED ON BLACKBOARD BY THIS WEEK.</b>	1. Finish viewing Chapt 17 recorded lectures 2. View Chapter 18 recorded lectures 3. Read Chapter 18, complete homework <b>4. BEGIN WORK ON THE ANALYTICAL ESSAY ASSIGNMENT (read instructions, pick a topic, read required articles, etc)</b>
3	AUGUST 31 - SEPT 4	<b>Chapter 19: From Crisis to Empire.</b> American politics and government during the late 1800s; the Populist Movement. <b>Continue working on the essay assignment.</b> By now you should have picked a topic and read the articles required for the topic. Begin writing soon.	1. View Chapter 19 recorded lectures 2. Read Chapter 19, complete homework 3. Take quiz on Chapter 19 4. Submit completed homework through Blackboard
4	SEPT 7 - 11 TEST #1 WILL TAKE PLACE THIS WEEK	<b>Chapter 19: From Crisis to Empire.</b> The Spanish American War: origins, main events, consequences for the USA. <b>TEST # 1 THIS WEEK.</b> <b>Test # 1 will be posted online in the "Tests and Quizzes" file on the course Blackboard site.</b> The tentative dates when Test # 1 will be available online are: from Tues September 8 at 9:00am to Thurs, Sept 10 at 7:00pm. ALL FUTURE ONLINE EXAMS WILL BE POSTED MONDAY TO WEDNESDAY. This exam is set one day later due to the Labor Day Holiday. Students who prefer to take the exam in hard copy may schedule a face-to-face test with the instructor. They can take the exam in hard copy on the Reedley campus by appointment.	1. Complete study for Test # 1: finish viewing all lectures, review homework and lecture notes. <b>2. WORK ON THE ESSAY ASSIGNMENT!!! (By now you should be organizing and drafting (writing) your analytical essay.)</b> 3. After Test #1, begin work on next unit.
5	SEPT 14 - 18	<b>Chapter 20: The Progressives.</b> Reforms in the USA's economy, society, politics and government; the presidencies of T. Roosevelt and W. Wilson. <b>Chapter 21: America and the Great War.</b> Origins of WWI. <b>WORK ON THE ESSAY ASSIGNMENT!!!</b> Write your analytical essay. Plan on completing the essay by October 2.	1. View Chapter 20 recorded lectures 2. Read Chapter 20, complete homework for both chapters
6	SEPT 21 - 25	<b>Chapter 21: America and the Great War (continued).</b> America's entry into the war and its impact on American society. <b>WORK ON THE ESSAY ASSIGNMENT!!!</b> Organize and begin writing your essay. Plan on completing the essay by October 2.	1. View recorded lectures on Chapter 21 material. 2. Read Chapter 21, complete Chapter 21 homework 3. <b>Work on completing essay to meet "EARLY ESSAY" deadline of Oct 2.</b>
7	SEPT 28 - OCTOBER 2 TEST #2 WILL TAKE PLACE THIS WEEK	<b>Chapter 22: "The New Era".</b> 1920s changes in American culture, living standards, politics. <b>Test # 2 will be posted online in the "Tests and Quizzes" file on the course Blackboard site.</b> The tentative dates during which Test # 2 will be available online are: from Monday September 28 at 9:00am to Wednesday, September 30 at 7:00pm. Students who prefer to take the exam in hard copy may schedule a face-to-face test with the instructor. They can take the exam in hard copy on the Reedley campus on either Monday, Tuesday, or Wednesday by appointment. <b>NOTE: THE "EARLY DUE DATE" for essays is this week. Essays submitted this week will receive ten extra credit points.</b>	1. View Chapter 22 recorded lectures 2. Read Chapter 22 of the textbook 3. Complete the homework questions, <b>"EARLY ESSAYS ( ten bonus points) ARE DUE FRIDAY OCTOBER 2"</b>
8	OCT 5 - 9	<b>Chapter 23: The Great Depression.</b> Causes and impact of the economic depression of the 1930s. <b>Chapter 24: The New Deal.</b> FDR's presidency, the programs of the New Deal and their impact. <b>ON TIME ESSAYS DUE THIS FRIDAY, OCT 9</b>	1. View Chapter 23 and 23 recorded lectures 2. Complete homework for Chaps 23 and 24 3. Take quiz on Chapt 24 (The New Deal) <b>ON TIME ESSAYS DUE THIS FRIDAY</b>
9	OCT 12 - 16	<b>Chapter 25: The Global Crisis.</b> The origins of WWII; events leading to the Pearl Harbor attack. <b>Chapter 26: America in a World at War.</b> The USA's role in WWII; the war's impact on American society.	1. View Chapter 25 and 26 recorded lectures 2. Read Chapters, complete homework 3. Submit Chpt 23, 24, 25 & 26 homework.
10	OCT 19 - 23 TEST #3 WILL TAKE PLACE THIS WEEK	<b>Chapter 26: America in a World at War (continued).</b> War on the Homefront; winning the war. <b>Test # 3 will be posted online in the "Tests and Quizzes" file on the course Blackboard site.</b> The tentative dates during which Test # 3 will be available online are: from Monday Oct 18 at 9:00am to Wednesday Oct 21 at 7:00pm. Students who want to take the exam in a face-to-face session can make an appointment to take the exam at Reedley College on Mon, Tues, or Wed.	1. Finish study and lecture viewing for Test # 3 1. After exam, begin work on material for Chapter 27.
11	OCT 26 - 30	<b>Chapter 27: The Cold War.</b> Main events leading to the Cold War; its impact on American society, politics, and foreign policy. <b>Chapter 28: The Affluent Society:</b> Postwar America through the early 1960s.	1. Read Chapter 27 material 2. Finish Homework for Chapter 27 3. View recorded lectures for Chapter 27
12	NOV 2 - 6	<b>Chapter 28: The Affluent Society (continued).</b> suburbanization, the baby boom, politics, civil rights. <b>Chapter 29: The Ordeal of Liberalism.</b> The Kennedy and Johnson presidencies.	1. View recorded lectures on Chapter 28. 2. Finish reading Chapter 28, complete homework 3. View recorded lectures on Chapter 29 4. Read Chapter 29, complete homework questions
13	NOV 9 - 13 TEST #4 WILL TAKE PLACE THIS WEEK	<b>Chapter 29: The Ordeal of Liberalism (cont'd).</b> LBJ's Great Society, Civil Rights movement, Vietnam War 1968 election. <b>Test # 4 will be posted online in the "Tests and Quizzes" file on the course Blackboard site.</b> The tentative dates during which Test # 3 will be available online are from Monday Nov 9 at 9:00am to Wednesday Nov 11 at 7:00pm.	1. Complete reading, homework, and lecture viewing for Test # 4. Submit completed homework for chapters 27, 28, 29. 1. After exam, begin work on material for next unit.
14	NOV 16 - 20	<b>Chapter 30: The Crisis of Authority.</b> Social movements of the era, Nixon's foreign and domestic policies, the Watergate scandal. <b>Chapter 31: From the "Age of Limits" to the Age of Reagan.</b> The Ford and Carter presidencies, economic problems of the 1970s.	1. Take quiz on Chapter 30 2. View recorded lectures on Chpt 30 material. 3. Read Chapter 30 Part 1 ; finish homework questions.
15	NOV 23 - 27	<b>Chapter 31: From the "Age of Limits" to the Age of Reagan.</b> The Ford and Carter presidencies, economic problems of the 1970s. Policies and impact of the Reagan and Bush presidencies.	1. View recorded lectures on Chapter 31 material. 2. HOMEWORK FOR CHAPTERS 30, 31, and 32 IS EXTRA CREDIT. WATCH FOR THE DUE DATE.
16	NOV 30 - DEC 4	<b>Chapter 32: The Age of Globalization.</b> Domestic, foreign policies of the Clinton years; changes in the global economy. The election of 2000; the presidency of George W. Bush; the 9/11 attacks, and the response of the Bush administration; military interventions in Afghanistan and Iraq	1. View recorded lectures on Chpt 32 material. 2. Complete Chapter 32 homework.
17	DEC 7 - 11	<b>Chapter 32: The Age of Globalization.</b> The election of 2008; the Obama Administration and its policies; the election of 2012; events and trends in the United States to the present.	1. Finish viewing recorded lectures on Chpt 32 material.
18	DEC 14 - 18 FINAL EXAM WILL TAKE PLACE THIS WEEK	<b>TENTATIVE DATES FOR POSTING THE FINAL EXAM ONLINE: FROM MONDAY DECEMBER 14 AT 9:00AM TO TUESDAY DECEMBER 15 AT 9:00PM</b> Students who prefer to take a hard copy, face-to-face version of the final exam may make an appointment with the instructor to do so on the Reedley College campus.	1. Complete study for the Final Exam: finish viewing all lectures, review homework and lecture notes.