SYLLABUS FOR ONLINE HISTORY 11 (HIST-12- 55515) HISTORY OF THE UNITED STATES TO 1877, SPRING 2015

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HISTORY 11 COURSE DESCRIPTION: This course will examine the key events, individuals, and forces that shaped the development of the United States from its earliest Pre-Columbian and colonial origins up to the Civil War and the Reconstruction era ending in 1877.

HOW THIS ONLINE CLASS WILL FUNCTION: This class will be conducted in a "hybrid" mode in the sense that there will be TWO MANDATORY FACE-TO-FACE MEETINGS in addition to the online content of the course.

All of the required learning materials (except the course textbook) for this web-based version of History 11 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, homework assignments, quizzes, and the analytical essay assignment. Also, three of the five major course exams will be posted on the course Blackboard sit (Students will be required to take two of the exams, Test # 2 and Test # 4, in a face-to-face session at Reedley College). The requirements for this course in terms of assignments and grading system are virtually identical to the face-to-face version of History 11 with the exception of the online mode of delivery.

THERE ARE TWO MANDATORY FACE- TO-FACE MEETINGS REQUIRED FOR THIS COURSE. The two dates are: Wednesday, March 4, 2015 (for Test # 2) and Wednesday, April 22, 2014 (for Test # 4). The test sessions will take place from 2:30 until 3:45 in Forum Hall 1 on the Reedley College campus.

OPTIONAL, VOLUNTARY FACE-TO-FACE CLASS SESSIONS: I will also hold several voluntary, optional lface-to-face sessions for students who prefer the live mode of delivery for the course orientation and for taking exams. The optional face-to-face exam sessions listed below allow the student to take a hard copy exam rather than the online exam.. The <u>optional, voluntary sessions</u> will take place on the Reedley College campus in Forum Hall 1 from 3:30 to 4:45pm on the dates and times shown below:

- 1. Wednesday, January 14: Class Orientation Session; Overview of assignments, How the class will work.
- 2. Wednesday, February 4: Test # 1
- 3. Wednesday, March 25: Test # 3
- 4. Wednesday, May 20 (from 2:00pm to 3:50) for the Final Exam (Test # 5)

REQUIRED TEXTBOOK: This required textbook for this course is entitled *American History, Volume 1*, by Alan Brinkley. <u>ALL STUDENTS IN ONLINE HISTORY 11 MUST HAVE THIS TEXTBOOK.</u> The 14th edition is the most recent. The 13th edition of the Brinkley textbook is acceptable also.

Students may obtain the required textbook in a variety of ways, including:

- 1. Purchasing the textbook at the Reedley College Bookstore. Remember that the 13th edition is acceptable.
- 2. Finding the textbook (new or used) through some online source
- 3. Purchasing the text from 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). To purchase the online version of the textbook, students may go to <u>www.coursesmart.com</u> and search for "Brinkley American History Volume 1."

It is always good to find the most economical copy of the textbook, but every student must have the textbook. It provides the background and framework for the course lectures; homework assignments are based on the text also.

BASIC SKILLS ADVISORIES FOR HISTORY 11: Eligibility for English 125 and 126.

STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES FOR HISTORY 11: Upon completing this course, students will be able to:

1. Identify the origins of America's distinctive political traditions and governmental institutions.

2. Analyze the fundamental changes in the American economy from pre-industrial times to the late 1800s.

- 3. Identify the key trends and movements in American cultural, social, and intellectual life through 1877.
- Analyze the causes and consequences of America's foreign policy, war, and its geographical expansion through 1877.
 Identify the contributions and changing roles of gender and ethnic and racial groups in American history through 1877.

COURSE ASSIGNMENTS FOR ONLINE HISTORY 11:

CRITICAL TASK: MUST BE COMPLETED BY THE SECOND DAY OF THE SEMESTER: By the end of Tuesday, January 13, 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 vital 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 JANUARY 13 MAY BE DROPPED FROM THE COURSE.

VIEWING RECORDED CLASS LECTURES: The primary learning component of this course consists of <u>recorded</u> <u>lectures</u> 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.

Unlike other online courses that rely on reading materials posted on the course website with links to film clips, this course requires the student to spend an average of three hours per week viewing recordings of actual History 11 class sessions filmed during a recent semester. The lectures make the student's educational experience in this online course very similar to a face-to-face class. You will see the same presentations (power point slides, lectures, and video clips) that are delivered to a face-to-face class. However, you will have the flexibility to access course materials at any hour, day or night.

The recorded lectures constitute the foundation for this course; they are the principal learning tool for students to prepare for five major exams scheduled throughout the semester. Viewing all of the lectures is a mandatory activity for all students in the class.

No specific points are awarded for this activity. However, viewing the lectures 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 11: The overall course grade for History 11 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.**

Three of the exams will be offered in the online mode on the course Blackboard site; two exams will be held on the Reedley College campus in face-to-face sessions. THE MANDATORY TWO FACE-TO-FACE SESSIONS WILL BE HELD ON THE FOLLOWING DAYS: Wednesday, March 4, 2015 (for Test # 2) and Wednesday, April 22, 2014 (for Test # 4).

The instructor will also hold <u>optional, voluntary</u> live testing sessions on the Reedley campus for students who prefer to take the exam in hard copy form rather than online. The face-to-face exam sessions will take place in Forum Hall 1, Reedley College, from 2:30 to 3:45pm on the following dates: Test # 1:Wednesday, February 4; Test # 3: Wednesday, March 25: Test # 5 (FINAL EXAM): Wednesday, May 20 (from 2:00pm to 3:50pm)

- ONE ANALYTICAL ESSAY or TERM PAPER (100 points plus the possibility of ten bonus points): The instructor will provide a list of predetermined topics for the term paper; students must choose one topic from this list. Each topic will involve reading one or more specific articles required for the term paper topic. After reading the required articles, students will write a three-to-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. 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 ASSIGNMENTS:** (60 points total, with the possibility of bonus points): The online History 11 Blackboard site includes a file labeled "**HOMEWORK**" where the instructor will post a Microsoft Word document containing a series of homework questions relating to each chapter of the course textbook.
 - There will be a specific due date for each set of homework questions leading to each exam. Students will submit
 their homework will to the instructor through Blackboard. The completed homework questions for Tests # 1, 2, 3,
 and 4 will count for 15 points each for a total of 60 points.
 - 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.
 - The homework for Test #5, which is the final exam, will be treated as an extra credit assignment.
- WEEKLY TIME COMMITMENT FOR ONLINE HISTORY 11: 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 11 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: <u>http://blackboard.reedleycollege.edu</u>. Login using your seven-digit student ID for your username and password. Go to Personal Information and enter your email address. You will need to be officially enrolled before you will be allowed to enter the site.

REQUIRED E-MAIL ADDRESS FOR ONLINE HISTORY 11: In this class, <u>the email address assigned to you</u> by Reedley College is the only way I will communicate with you. The Community College District has assigned every student a free email account that consists of the following format: yourlastname_studentID@my.scccd.edu

For example, if I were a student, my email address would be genera_0123456@my.scccd.edu.

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 <u>right away</u>. To do this, go to the Reedley College homepage on the internet (<u>http://reedleycollege.edu</u>) and look for instructions on how to activate your college email account. **To repeat, all students enrolled in online History 11** <u>must</u> 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:"

Aside from the textbook reading assignments, all the learning components of this course will take place online. 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 <u>each week</u> as the lectures are posted on the course Blackboard site. Students should spend an average of at least <u>three hours per week viewing the recorded lectures</u>.

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, March 13, 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, <u>reading the textbook</u>, <u>completing the homework</u>, and <u>viewing the recorded course lectures</u> on Blackboard <u>every week</u>). If you have questions or need an explanation, contact me via email. Welcome to History 11. Let's make this a meaningful and successful semester.

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE FOR INSTRUCTION ONLINE HISTORY 11 (HIST-11-55515) - SPRING 2015 - COURSE BY RANDY GENERA					
WEEK	DATES	TOPICS AND TEXTBOOK CHAPTERS FOR THE WEEK	INSTRUCTIONS & ASSIGNMENTS		
1	JAN 12-16	Chapter 1:The Collision of Cultures. Native societies of the western hemisphere before the arrival of Europeans; Europe and factors leading to exploration; Columbus and the Age of Discovery, the conquest of native orklizations and founding of colonial empires by European powers.	Confirm that you read the syllabus and viewed the orientation video. View recorded lectures for Chapter 1 Read Chapter 1, complete homework		
		NOTE: There will be an OPTIONAL FACE-TO-FACE ORIENTATION SESSION on WEDNESDAY, JAN 14, from 2:30 to 3:45pm in Forum Hall 1 on the Reedley College campus. Attendance is OPTIONAL .	The face-to-face orientation is for students who prefer a live, in-person explanation of how this online course will operate.		
2	JAN 19-23	Chapter 2: Transplantations and Borderlands. The competition for colonies in North America; motives and background to founding England's colonies in the South, New England, and Middle Atlantic regions. INSTRUCTIONS, DUE DATES, AND TOPICS FOR THE "ANALYTICAL ESSAY" ASSIGNMENT (also known as the term paper) WILL BE POSTED ON BLACKBOARD BY THIS WEEK.	View Chapter 2 recorded lectures Reach Chapter 2, complete homework BEGIN WORK ON THE ANALYTICAL ESSAY SSIGNMENT (read instructions, pick a topic, read required articles, etc)		
3	JAN 26 - 30	Chapter 3: Society and <i>culture in Provincial America.</i> The development of the colonial society and economy in British North American; comparisons between the characteristics of the northern colonies versus the southern colonies.	1.View Chapter 3 recorded lectures 2. Read Chapter 3, complete homework 3. Take quiz on Chapter 3 4. Submit completed homework through Blackboard (according to instructor		
4	FEB 2 - 6 TEST # 1 WILL TAKE PLACE THIS WEEK	Chapter 3 (continued). The expansion of slavery, trends in religion, economic and population growth patterns in the American colonies during the 1700s.	1. Complete study for Test # 1: finish viewing all lectures, review homework and lecture notes. Exam will be posted online and offered in face to face session. FACE-TO-FACE VERSION OF		
		OPTIONAL FACE TO FACE SESSION ON WED, FEBRUARY 4 TO TAKE THE HARDCOPY VERSION OF TEST # 1. Forum Hall 1 on the Reedley College campus. The exam will be given from 2:30 to 3:45pm.	2.30 to 3x5pm in FORUM HALL 1 on the Reedley College campus. Bring an 884 scantron for the LIVE exam 2. After Test #1, begin work on next unit.		
5	FEB 9 - 13	Chapter 3 (last 5 pages). American political traditions in the colonial period. Chapter 4: The Empire in Transition. Events and factors create conflict between Great Britain and the American colonies, ultimately leading to revolution.	View recorded lectures on Colonial Politics and Government and Chapter 4 lectures Read Chapter 3 Part 2, read Chapter 4, complete homework for both chapters		

6	FEB 16 - 20	Chapter 5: The American Revolution. Main events and historical figures of the	1. View recorded lectures on Chaper 5 material.
		American Revolution; political and social impact of the war.	
		NOTE: THE "EARLY DUE DATE" for analytical essays is this week.	2. Read Chapter 5, complete Chapter 5 homew ork
		Essays submitted this week will receive extra credit points.	
			1. From Chp 6, read the first nine pages up to and
7	FEB 23 - 27	Chapter 5 (continued). America after the revolution; the USA under the Articles of Confederation.	including the section titled "The Limits of the Constitution "
		Chapter 6: The Constitution and the New Republic (Pt 1). The drive for a	2. View recorded lectures on Articles of
		stronger national government; the elements of the U.S. Constitution.	Confederation and the Constitution (end of Chapt 5,
		FRIDAY Feb. 27 IS THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING ANALYTICAL ESSAYS.	first half of Chpt 6) 3. Complete the homework questions, submit
		Papers submitted by this date are considered "on-time;" no bonus points.	3. Complete the nomework questions, submit through Blackboard.
8	MARCH 2 - 6 FACE TO FACE MEETING AT REEDLEY COLLEGE	Chapter 6: Constitution (continued). The debate over the Constitution and the	
		process for its ratification (Covered in first nine pages of Chapter 6).	
		WEDNESDAY MARCH 4 IS THE DAY FOR TEST # 2. THIS IS A	A MANDATORY FACE-TO-FACE SESSION FOR
		MANDATORY FACE-TO-FACE MEETING AT REEDLEY COLLEGE.	TEST # 2 will take place Wed, March 4 at 2:30
		All students must attend this session. I will administer Test # 2 in hardcopy form in Forum Hall 1 from 2:30 to 3:45pm. Bring an 884 scantron for the exam.	in Forum Hall 1, Reedley College.
			1. After exam, begin work on material for next
			unit (finish Chapter 6 material).
9	MARCH 9 - 13	Chapter 6 (Pt 2): The Constitution and the New Republic. Washington's Presidency;	1. View Chapter 6 and Chapt 7 recorded lectures
		Hamiton's economic program, political parties, political philosophies of Jefferson and Hamiton; the Adams presidency; the election of 1800. Chapter 7: The Jeffersonian Era. Jefferson's policies as president; factors leading to	2. Read Chapters 6 and 7, complete homework
			3. Take quiz on Chapter 6 (part 2) material
		the War of 1812; the events and impact of the war. Chapter 8: Varieties of American	
		Nationalism (read only the last 8 pages). The Era of Good Feelings, changes in politics, the election of 1824.	
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10	MARCH 16 - 20	Era of Good Feelings, changes in politics, the election of 1824.	2. Finish Homework for Chapters 8 and 9 in
			preparation for Test # 3.
		Chapter 9: Jacksonian America. Reforms in the American political system, the Jackson presidency, and the expansion of democratic institutions.	3. View recorded lectures, Chpt 8 and 9
			material.
11	March 23 - 27	Chapter 9: Jacksonian America. Reforms in the American political system, the Jackson presidency, and the expansion of democratic institutions.	1. Complete study for Test # 3: finish viewing all
		TEST # 3 WILL TAKE PLACE THIS WEEK.	lectures, review homework and lecture notes.
		OPTIONAL FACE TO FACE SESSION FOR TEST # 3 ON WED, MARch 25	For students taking the Wed. March 25 face-
		For students who prefer to take the hardcopy exam: Go to	to face exam, bring an 884 scantorn.
		Forum Hall 1 on the Reedley College campus on Wed, March 25	Exam will be posted online also
		The exam will take place from 2:30 to 3:45pm.	2. After Test #3, begin work on next unit.
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SPRING BREAK - MARCH 30 - APRIL 3

12 13	APRIL 6 - 10 APRIL 13 - 17	Chapter 19: America's Economic Revolution. Patterns of economic growth in the Northeast, West, & South, 1820-1860. Chapter 11: Cotton, Slavery, and the Old South. The structure of slavery in the United States, 1800 to 1860, and its social, economic, and political impact. Chapter 11: Cotton, Slavery, and the Old South (continued). Chapter 12: Antebellum Culture and Reform. (Read only the last 9 pages of Chapt 12) Chapter 12: The Impending Crisis. Territorial expansion and Wanifest	View recorded lectures on Chapter 10. Finish reading Chaper 10, complete homework. Wiew recorded lectures on Chaper 11. Read Chapter 11 and only the last 9 pages of Chapter 12, complete homework questions 1. Take quizon Chapter 11 View recorded lectures on Chpt 13 material.
		Destiny in the 1840s, the Texas Revolution.	 Read Chapter 13 Part 1 (the first 12 pages of the chapter; finish homework questions.
14	APRIL 20 - 24 FACE-TO-FACE MEETING AT REEDLEY COLLEGE	Chapter 13: The Impending Crisis (continued). The Toxas Revolution, and migration to the far west factors leading to the Maxican War, the main events and consequences of the war. WEDNESDAY APRIL 22 IS THE DAY FOR TEST # 4. THIS IS A MANDATORY FACE-TO-FACE MEETING AT REEDLEY COLLEGE. All students must attend this session. I will administer Test # 4 in hardcopy form in Forum Hall 1 from 230 to 345pm. Bring an 844 scantron for the exam.	A MANDATORY FACE-TO-FACE SESSION FOR TEST #4 will take place Wed, April 22 at 2:30 in Forum Hall 1, Reedley College. 1. After exam, begin work on material for next unit.
15	APRIL 27 - MAY 1	Chapter 13: The Impending Crisis (Read the rest of Chapter 13). The California Gold Rush: political and social factors leading to the crisis between the North and the South.	View recorded lectures on Chapter 14 material - Lincoln and the Civil War. Z. HOMEWORK FOR CHAPTERS 13 PRT 2, 14, AND IS IS EXTRA CREDIT. WATCH FOR THE DUE DATE.
16	MAY 4 - 8	Chapter 14: The Civil War. Main events, figures, and impact of the Civil War.	1. View recorded lectures on Chpt 14 material. 2. Complete Chapter 14 homework.
17	MAY 11 - 15	Chapter 15: Reconstruction and the New South. Politics and legislation of the Reconstruction period, the impact of emancipation on African Americans, the Compromise of 1877.	FINAL EXAM COVERS CHAPTERS 13 PART 2, CHAPTER 14, CHAPTER 15. 1. View recorded lectures on Chpt 15 material. 2. Read Chapter 15, complete homework.
18	MAY 18 TO 20	OPTIONAL FACE- TO- FACE SESSION ON WEDNESDAY MAY 2015 TO TAKE THE FINAL EXAM. WEDNESDAY MAY 20 IS THE FACE-TO-FACE FINAL EXAM SESSION. Go to Forum Hall 1 on the Reedley College campus. The exam will take place from 2:00 to 3:50pm. Bring an 884 scantron iF you take the face-to-face final exam.	1: Complete studyfor the Final Exam: finish viewing all lectures, review homework and lecture notes. EXAM WILL BE OFFERD ONLINE AND IN A FACE TO FACE SESSION OPTIONAL FACETO FACE SESSION FOR FINAL EXAM WILLTAKE PLACE ON WED, MAY 20 from 2:00 to 3:50pm