# HISTORY 11. Section #56624 Syllabus

**U.S. History to 1877**

**Fall 2016**

**Tuesday/Thursday afternoons: 2.00 pm – 3.15 pm, Room CCI 203**

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**Required text**: ***American History: Connecting with the Past. Vol. 1. Fifteenth Edition****,* by Alan Brinkley.

# Course Description and Objective

This course will trace the historical events and trends, and the people who effected them, in the U.S. during its infancy and through its turbulent adolescence. We will highlight certain themes: the colonial period, the struggle for continental domination, the war for independence, the constitution, the Jeffersonian era, the Jacksonian era, immigration and economic, social and political change in the first half of the nineteenth century, the Old South, the Civil War, and Reconstruction. Each student will gain a general appreciation for history, and a specific understanding of this time period; as well as valuable skills in both oral communication and written research.

# Course Assignments

1. *Study Guide Assignments.* This will count for 10% of your grade. Complete the study guide assignments and be prepared to contribute to classroom discussions. Each set of study guide assignments will be due by midnight on the day on which its corresponding test/exam is scheduled. This must be submitted in Word file format in the Assignment section of Canvas. **Please place your name on the submitted document** in order to receive proper credit for assignment completion. Partial completion will receive partial credit. Please note that **the final study guide is due on 8 December** [the last scheduled lecture before exam week]. Grade value: 2.5% each. 4 X 2.5 = 10%.
2. *Tests.* There will be three tests. The first will be on **15 September** covering the material from Brinkley, chapters 1-4. The second will be on **18 October**, covering material from chapters 5-8. The third will be on **15 November**, covering material from chapters 9-11. Each test will count for 15% of your grade. Bring a **scantron [882-E]**, and a No. 2 pencil. If you receive a deficient grade [D/F] on any test, the appropriate college department will be automatically notified. Reedley College is desirous to see all students succeed academically and will provide assistance deemed necessary to that end. If a student is unable to take the test during the regularly scheduled class time, he/she will take the test in the tutorial center and will be assessed a 10% penalty, unless a doctor’s note is produced.
3. *The Proposal.* This is a description of your proposed topic and why you’ve chosen it. You need to provide a thesis statement and how you are proposing to prove this thesis. For help on formulating a thesis, refer to ‘writing a thesis statement’ in Google and click on the UNC Writing Center for helpful hints. It must also include a bibliography of at least three academic journal articles, at least one primary source and other sources that you will be using in your research, though this list may not be exhaustive. This assignment is worth 3% and is due on **8 September** and must be submitted in Word file format in the Assignment section of Canvas. **Scoring: one point for thesis, two points for bibliography. Please also submit a hard copy to the instructor.**
4. *First draft of term paper*. This paper must be submitted to **Turnitin** through the Assignment section of Canvas.The term paper is to be a minimum of 1800 words in length and no longer than seven pages. It must include a bibliography that will be identical to the one in the Proposal, including at least one primary document and at least three articles from academic journals. This draft must also include citations in the form of footnotes.Be prepared to give an oral report, in class, of the reasons that you have chosen a certain topic and how you plan to proceed with your research.**Turnitin** does not accept late submissions, so be sure to submit your assignment before midnight on **29 September.**This assignment is worth 7%. **Scoring: one point for introduction, one point for conclusion, one point for adequate length [1800 words], one point for thesis, one point for footnotes, one point for bibliography, and one point for readability. Please also submit a hard copy to the instructor.** If the bibliography does not include one original/primary source and three academic journal articles, you will lose one-half point.

1. *Final draft of term paper.* The paper should be 1,800 words in length and in double-spaced format (cpi = 12), including proper footnoting. A bibliography must also be included. (This should be essentially the same as the one submitted in Assignment #3, albeit with corrections to the mechanics and grammar, as well as any further research that you have done.) This will count for 20% and is due on **1 December**. This paper must be submitted to **Turnitin** through the Information section of Blackboard. The rubric for grading this assignment is found in Blackboard under the file “Essay Grading Form”. Be sure that most of your footnoting is from ‘high quality sources’—primary documents, academic journal articles and scholarly works. Please note that you will be submitting this assignment through the Turnitin in the Assignment section of Canvas.
2. *Final exam.* This will cover chapters 12-15 and will be on **Tuesday,** **13 December**. It will count for 15% of your final grade.

**Grading**

1. Classroom participation and study guide completions: 10% [4 X 2.5%]
2. Tests. **15 September**: 15%; **18 October**: 15%; **15 November**: 15%.
3. The Proposal is due on **8 September**: 3%
4. First draft of term paper is due on **29 September**: 7%
5. Final draft of term paper is due on **1 December**: 20%
6. Final exam: 15%
7. Late assignments: Any submission received after the due date will be assessed a 10% penalty. Anything later than two weeks after the due date will not be accepted.

# Grade Distribution: A = 90% - 100%

 B = 80% - 89.9%

#  C = 70% - 79.9%

 D = 60% - 69.9%

 F = 0% - 59.9%

# Please note that grades are not rounded up, so that 89.9 is a “B”.

# If a person misses 3 consecutive classes without notifying the instructor, the student will be dropped from the class. Late fees will consist of a 10% grade reduction per week for assignments submitted after the due date.

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 me as soon as possible. If you think that you might qualify because of an existing disability, contact Disabled Students Programs & Services at 638.0332. Reasonable accommodation will be made for those with legitimate disabilities.

Everyone who participates in the educational process at Reedley College is expected to pursue honesty and integrity in all aspects of their academic work. Cases of academic dishonesty (cheating or plagiarism) may have consequences that range from partial credit after work is redone to zero credit (if it is an egregious offence).

I will award extra credit if a student visits the Writing Center and receives assistance prior to the submission of each draft of the research paper [1% per visit up to a maximum of 2%].

# Important Dates

1. Last day to drop this course and qualify for a refund: **Friday, 26 August**.
2. Last day to drop this course and avoid a “W” on one’s academic record: **Friday, 2 September**.
3. Last day to change a class to/from a Pass/No-Pass grading basis: **Friday, 9 September**.
4. Last day to drop this course and avoid a letter grade on one’s academic record: **Friday, 14 October**.
5. Final exam: **Tuesday, 13 December [2.00pm-3.50pm]**.

# Readings and Class Schedule

*1.Week of 16-18 August.* Syllabus reviewed. Lecture on ch. 1.

*2.Week of 23-25 August.* Lecture on ch. 1 & 2.

*3.Week of 30 August-1 September.* Lecture on ch. 2 & 3.

*4.Week of 6-8 September.* Lecture on ch. 3 & 4. **The Proposal is due on 10 September.**

*5.Week of 13-15 September.* Lecture on ch. 4.**Test on ch. 1-4 on 17 September**.

*6.Week of 20-22 September.*  Lecture on ch. 5.

*7.Week of 27-29 September.* Lecture on ch. 6. **First draft of term paper is due on 1 October**.

*8.Week of 4-6 October.* Lecture on ch. 7.

*9.Week of 11-13 October.*  Lecture on ch. 8.

*10.Week of 18-20 October.* **Test on ch. 5-8**. Lecture on ch. 9.

*11.Week of 25-27 October.* Lecture on ch. 9.

*12.Week of 1-3 November.* Lecture on ch. 10.

*13.Week of 8-10 November.* Lecture on ch. 11.

*14.Week of 15-17 November.* **Test on ch. 9-11**. Lecture on ch. 12.

*15.Week of 22-24 November.* Lecture on ch. 13. Thanksgiving observed on Thursday. Enjoy eating lots of turkey on Thanksgiving.

*16.Week of 29 November-1 December.* Lecture on ch. 14. **Final draft of term paper is due on 1 December.**

*17.Week of 6-8 December.* Lecture on ch. 15. **Study Guide #4 due on 8 December.**

# *18.Week of 13-15 December.* Final Exam on ch. 12-15 on Tuesday, 13 December [2.00-3.50pm]. No class on Thursday.

Course Aids

**WEBADVISOR for Students**

**The website is:**[**http://webadvisor.scccd.edu/**](https://skyhawk.scccd.com/exchweb/bin/redir.asp?URL=http://webadvisor.scccd.edu/)

**The standard webadvisor login is:**

**Username:  lastname\_id\_number      (example: smith\_0123456)
Password:  six digit birth date    (example: January 10th, 1970 = 011070)**

 **Be careful! Webadvisor will probably make you change your password when you first use it.
Write it down - make it simple.
Try using your initials and then your birthday.**

**The helpdesk hours are 8-5 Monday thru Friday.
The email address is** **helpdesk@scccd.edu** **-- try to use this first
The phone number is 244-5960 -- try to use this for emergencies only.**

Instructors and students can access Canvas by going to [https://scccd.instructure.com](https://scccd.instructure.com/)

**Students** – log in using the same credentials you use for Blackboard:

          **Username**: Your 7-digit student ID number.

          **Password**: If you have not previously changed your password, it is:
              First name initial (upper case) + last name initial (lowercase) + date of birth (mmddyy)
              **Example**: John Smith born on July 9th of 1988     Password =Js070988