

SYLLABUS FOR ONLINE HISTORY 12 (HIST-12-56625)

HISTORY OF THE UNITED STATES SINCE 1865, FALL 2016

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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 **CANVAS** 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: The 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 15th edition is the most recent. **The 14th and 13th edition of the Brinkley textbook are acceptable also.** The title of the Brinkley textbook varies slightly from one edition to another. The newer Brinkley textbooks use 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 enrolled in this course NEED TO ACQUIRE THE BRINKLEY TEXTBOOK VOL. 2 NOW TO HAVE THE BOOK READY FOR USE BY THE FIRST WEEK OF THE SEMESTER. The Brinkley textbook is a basic requirement for this course. The text provides background for the course lectures, and each chapter of the textbook is accompanied by a graded "Q and A" assignment that helps the student earn points while preparing for the course exams..

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.

CRITICAL TASK: MUST BE COMPLETED BY THE SECOND DAY OF THE SEMESTER:

By the end of Tuesday, August 16, 2016 every student enrolled in online History 12 must contact the course website on CANVAS, read the course syllabus, and view the orientation video that is required for this course.

There is a clearly marked "START HERE" file on the course homepage 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 16 MAY BE DROPPED FROM THE COURSE.**

COURSE ASSIGNMENTS FOR ONLINE HISTORY 12:

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 website 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 website. Viewing the recorded lectures is a mandatory activity in this course.**

In this course, students are expected to spend an average of two to 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 (the instructor's lecture with power point slides, video clips, and music) that are delivered to a face-to-face History 12 class. 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. Viewing the lectures is the basic learning activity underlying all of the other course assignments.** Students who fail to view the recorded lectures put themselves at risk of 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 website.**
- **ANALYTICAL ESSAY (TERM PAPER) (100 points plus the possibility of ten bonus points):** This is a five page analytical writing assignment. For this assignment, students must choose one topic from a list of six topics provided by the instructor. 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 course website at arranged times. Each quiz counts for 10 points
- **TEXTBOOK CHAPTER "Q and A" ASSIGNMENTS : (60 points total, with the possibility of bonus points):** In the course website file labeled "**CHAPTER Q AND A ASSIGNMENTS,**" 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 assignment by reading the indicated textbook chapter, finding the information in the textbook to answer the stated questions, and typing (and saving) their answers to the Q and A assignment into the blank spaces in the Microsoft Word document. The questions contained in the chapter Q and A assignments relate to questions that will appear on the course tests, so the Q & A assignments function as a study guide for each exam.
 - Specific due dates for each Chapter Q & A assignment will be given throughout the semester. Students will submit their completed questions to the instructor through the course website. The completed 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 website; (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 WEBSITE: This course will be presented on the internet learning management system called "Canvas."

The entry portal for Canvas is:

<https://scccd.instructure.com>

If you are uncertain about how to log into Canvas, instructions can be found on the websites of each campus of the State Center Community College District. This course, HIST-12-56625, will be listed on Canvas when you login. Follow the instructions that are given for gaining access to the course site (username, password, etc.).



REQUIREMENTS FOR “ACTIVE PARTICIPATION:”

Assignments, announcements, quizzes, exams, and lectures will be available by logging in to the course website on Canvas. 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 website and check for course-related emails at least every two days.**
- (2) **Make steady and timely progress in completing the reading and Q & A assignments.**
- (3) View the course recorded lectures **each week** as the lectures are posted on the course website. **Students should spend an average of two to 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. **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 14, 2016.** 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. Instances of cheating or plagiarism will be referred to the appropriate State Center Community College administrators for consideration of disciplinary procedures.

IF YOU MISS AN ASSIGNMENT: The due dates of all assignments for this class (tests, quizzes, essay, textbook chapter Q and A assignments) will be announced via emails and alerts posted on the course website. Below are policies regarding “missed” or late assignments.

- (1) Late Q & A assignments may be submitted after the due date for partial credit.
- (2) Each quiz will be posted for several days. The expiration date and time of each quiz will be announced in advance. When the quiz expires, there will be no chance to make up that assignment.
- (3) The essay assignment will have an early “bonus” due date and “on time” due date. Late essays will be accepted for a period of time after the “on time” due date with points deducted for lateness. After the late deadline expires, no further essays will be accepted.
- (4) With respect to the five major exams or tests: All test scores count in this course; no test score is dropped. Tests will be posted online for a specific period number of days with a specific expiration time. Students who miss an exam must contact the instructor immediately to make arrangement to take a makeup exam. The makeup exam must be taken with two days of the expiration of the regular exam. 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.

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 Q and A questions for each chapter, and viewing the recorded course lectures on Blackboard every week). If you have questions or need further explanation regarding any aspect of the course, please 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 -12-56625) - FALL 2016 - COURSE BY RANDY GENERA

| WEEK | DATES | TOPICS AND TEXTBOOK CHAPTERS FOR THE WEEK | INSTRUCTIONS & ASSIGNMENTS |
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| 1 | AUGUST 15-19 | Introduction to History 12; Chapter 17, Industrial Supremacy. 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 | AUGUST 22-26 | Chapter 18: The Age of the City. New immigration patterns; the impact of immigration on American society; expansion, modernization and advances in technology transform America's cities. INSTRUCTIONS, DUE DATES, AND TOPICS FOR THE "ANALYTICAL ESSAY" ASSIGNMENT" (also known as the term paper) WILL BE POSTED ON BLACKBOARD BY THIS WEEK. | 1. Finish viewing Chpt 17 recorded lectures 2. View Chapter 18 recorded lectures 3. Read Chapter 18, complete Q & A items. 4. BEGIN WORK ON THE ANALYTICAL ESSAY ASSIGNMENT (read instructions, pick a topic, read required articles, etc) |
| 3 | AUGUST 29 - SEPTEMBER 2 | Chapter 19: From Crisis to Empire. American politics and government during the late 1800s; the Populist Movement. Continue working on the essay assignment. 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 Q & A items. 3. Take quiz on Chapter 19 4. Submit completed Q & A items through Blackboard |
| 4 | SEPT 5 - 9 | Chapter 19: From Crisis to Empire. The Spanish American War: origins, main events, consequences for the USA. TEST # 1 THIS WEEK. Test # 1 will be posted online in the "Tests and Quizzes" file on the course website. Look for the specific dates and times when Test # 1 will be posted online. Make sure you know the expiration date and time. DO NOT WAIT UNTIL THE LAST HOURS BEFORE IT EXPIRES. CONTINUE WORK ON THE ANALYTICAL ESSAY THIS WEEK: Organize and begin writing your essay. Plan on completing the essay by week 6. | 1. Complete study for Test # 1: finish viewing all lectures, review Q & A items and lecture notes. 2. WORK ON THE ESSAY ASSIGNMENT!!! Plan on completing and submitting the essay by week 6. 3. After Test #1, begin work on next unit. |
| 5 | SEPTEMBER 12 - 16 | Chapter 20: The Progressives. Reforms in the USA's economy, society, politics and government; the presidencies of T. Roosevelt and W. Wilson.Chapt 21: America and the Great War. Origins of WW1. WORK ON THE ESSAY ASSIGNMENT: By now you should be in the process of writing your essay. Plan on completing the essay by week 6. | 1. View Chapter 20 recorded lectures 2. Read Chapter 20, complete Q & A items for both chapters |
| 6 | SEPTEMBER 19 -23 | Chapter 21 : America and the Great War (continued). America's entry into the war and its impact on American society. FRIDAY THIS WEEK: "EARLY DUE DATE" for analytical essays. Essays submitted by Friday this week receive ten extra credit points. | 1. View recorded lectures on Chapter 21 material. 2. Read Chapter 21, complete Chpt 21 Q & A items. 3."EARLY" ESSAY ASSIGNMENT IS DUE THIS WEEK FOR TEN EXTRA CREDIT POINTS. SUBMIT YOUR ESSAY BY FRIDAY. |
| 7 | SEPTEMBER 26 - 30 | Chapter 22: "The New Era". 1920s changes in American culture, living standards, politics. Test # 2 will be posted online in the "Tests and Quizzes" file on the course website. Look for the specific dates and times when Test # 2 will be posted online. Make sure you know the expiration date and time. DO NOT WAIT UNTIL THE LAST HOURS BEFORE IT EXPIRES. NOTE: THE "ON TIME" DUE DATE for essays is this week. Essays submitted this week will receive ten extra credit points. | 1. View Chapter 22 recorded lectures 2. Read Chapter 22 of the textbook 3. Complete the Q & A items, submit through Blackboard. "ON TIME" ESSAYS - NO BONUS POINTS - ARE DUE THIS FRIDAY. |
| 8 | OCTOBER 3 - 7 | Chapter 23: The Great Depression. Causes and impact of the economic depression of the 1930s. Chapter 24: The New Deal. FDR's presidency, the programs of the New Deal and their impact. | 1. View Chapter 23 and 23 recorded lectures 2. Complete Q & A items for Chpts 23 and 24 3. Take quiz on Chpt 24 (The New Deal) |
| 9 | OCTOBER 10 - 14 | Chapter 25: The Global Crisis. The origins of WWII; events leading to the Pearl Harbor attack. Chapter 26: America in a World at War. 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 Q & A items. 3. Submit Chpt 23,24, 25 & 26 Q & A items. |
| 10 | OCTOBER 17 - 22 | Chapter 26: America in a World at War (continued). War on the Homefront; winning the war. Test # 3 will be posted online in the "Tests and Quizzes" file on the course website. Look for the specific dates and times when Test # 3 will be posted online. Make sure you know the expiration date and time. DO NOT WAIT UNTIL THE LAST HOURS BEFORE IT EXPIRES. | Finish study and lecture viewing for Test # 3 1. After exam, begin work on material for Chapter 27. |
| 11 | OCTOBER 24 - 28 | Chapter 27: The Cold War. Main events leading to the Cold War; its impact on American society, politics, and foreign policy. Chapter 28: The Affluent Society: Postwar America through the early 1960s. | 1. Read Chapter 27 material 2. Finish Q & A items for Chapter 27 3. View recorded lectures for Chapter 27 |
| 12 | OCTOBER 31 - NOVEMBER 4 | Chapter 28: The Affluent Society (continued).suburbanization,the baby boom, politics, civil rights. Chapter 29: The Ordeal of Liberalism. The Kennedy and Johnson presidencies. | 1. View recorded lectures on Chapter 28. 2. Finish reading Chapter 28, complete Q & A items. 3. View recorded lectures on Chapter 29 4. Read Chapter 29,complete Q & A items. |
| 13 | NOVEMBER 7 - 11 | Chapter 29: The Ordeal of Liberalism (cont'd). LBJ's Great Society, Civil Rights movement, Vietnam War 1968 election. Test # 4 will be posted online in the "Tests and Quizzes" file on the course Blackboard site. Look for the specific dates and times when Test # 4 will be posted online. DO NOT WAIT UNTIL THE LAST HOURS BEFORE IT EXPIRES. | 1. Complete reading, homework, and lecture viewing for Test # 4. Submit completed Q & A items for chapters 27,28,29. 1. After exam, begin work on material for next unit. |
| 14 | NOVEMBER 14 - 18 | Chapter 30: The Crisis of Authority. Social movements of the era, Nixon's foreign and domestic policies, the Watergate scandal. Chapter 31: From the "Age of Limits" to the Age of Reagan. The Ford and Carter presidencies, economic problems of the 1970s. | HOMEWORK FOR CHAPTERS 30, 31, and 32 IS EXTRA CREDIT. WATCH FOR THE DUE DATE 1. Read Chapter 30; 2. View recorded lectures on Chpt 30 material; 3. Take Chpt 30 quiz. |
| 15 | NOVEMBER 21 - 25 | Chapter 31: From the "Age of Limits" to the Age of Reagan. 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. Read Chapter 31 |
| 16 | NOVEMBER 28 DECEMBER 2 | Chapter 32: The Age of Globalization. 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. Read Chapter 32. |
| 17 | DECEMBER 5 - 9 | Chapter 32: The Age of Globalization. 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 | FINALS WEEK DECEMBER 12 - 16 | DATES FOR POSTING THE THE FINAL EXAM ONLINE WILL BE ANNOUNCED IN ADVANCE VIA EMAIL AND ON THE COURSE WEBSITE. FINAL EXAM HAPPENS EARLY THIS WEEK The final exam will be posted online early this week. Make sure you know the dates when the final exam will be available and its expiration time. | 1. Complete study for the Final Exam: finish viewing all lectures, review Q& A items and lecture notes. |