

US History 1301 WB9_ WZ9 Syllabus

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Required Materials:

Alan Brinkley

The Unfinished Nation; A Concise History of the American People

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Course Objective:

This survey course in US History is designed to provide the student with the basic knowledge and understanding of present institutions through the study of their past development. This course should also give the student a better understanding of germane disciplines such as political science, sociology, philosophy, literature, and economics in addition to preparing the student for careers in teaching, law, and public service.

Requirements:

Assignments: The examinations will begin with Chapters One/Two and continuing through Chapter Fifteen with an exam posted weekly.

The first exam will open on Tuesday, January 25, 2011, at 7:00 am and will remain open until 7:00 am that Saturday, January 29, 2011. You may take your exam at any time during the window, but once the exam closes, it will not be re-opened. The next chapter exam will open the

following Tuesday (at the same time) and remain open until that Saturday (at the same time). We will follow this pattern the entire semester.

These assignments will consist of some type of multiple-choice questions; fill in the blank, true/false, essays or possibly a combination of these formats.

All course work will be submitted through the blackboard system and each assignment will be announced through the announcement icon on the course website. Your final exam will be a modified, comprehensive exam consisting of various questions from previous exams and will have fifty questions. Your final will be made available at 7:00 am on Tuesday, May 10, 2011 and will remain open until 9:00 pm that same day. There will be only one attempt for the final exam and it will be force completion. All exams weigh equally.

Grading Policy: All assignments weigh equally. Final semester grades will be based on the following averages: 90-100 = A, 80-89 = B, 70-79 = C, 60-69 = D, below 60 = F.

General Guidelines: As with any "cyber-space class" there can be glitches in the system. Power failures, storms, viruses, spilled drinks, personal emergencies can all interfere with our success. Hopefully, none of these things will occur, but if they do, simply contact me through one of the contact points provided in this syllabus and we will attempt to fix the problem. It is always my intention to respond to you within 24 hours of your contact, but emergencies happen for me as well and I will respond to your contact as soon as possible. It is always a good idea to check your email daily for any course you are taking.