

AMERICAN HISTORY 1301 WB SYLLABUS SUMMER I

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Course Objectives: To provide a balanced and thought-provoking treatment of the American past; to examine the lives and experiences of Americans of all national origins and cultural backgrounds; and seeks connections between the many factors – political, economic, technological, social, religious, intellectual and biological – that have molded and remolded American society over four centuries.

Learning Outcomes: Upon successful completion of this course, students will:

1. Create an argument through the use of historical evidence.
2. Analyze and interpret primary and secondary sources.
3. Analyze the effects of historical, social, political, economic, cultural, and global forces on this period of United States history.

Textbook: Alan Brinkley, **The Unfinished Nation: A Concise History of the American People, 6th Edition.**

Drop Policy: You are responsible for dropping this class, if you quit doing the work. The Instructor **will not** do so. Failure to drop results in an F.

Assignments: We will cover Chapter 3 through Chapter 16. Every exam will cover one chapter with the exception of the final which will be comprehensive. Chapter exams will be posted every Thursday (this includes holidays) beginning **Tuesday, June 5, 2012 and conclude with the final exam on Tuesday July 3, 2012.** You will have **one** hour to take the exam. You will have **2 ½** hours to take the final. The exam will be available beginning at **8:00 p. m.** every other day will remain available until **8:00 p.m. the following day** and then will no longer be available. Do not miss the deadline! **I will not open the test after the deadline**, so if you have problems taking the test get in touch with me before the deadline. Make a copy of the syllabus. I have given you the numbers where you can reach me. If you do not get in touch with me at my home number, try the alternate number. Call me on my cell as a last resort. It is important that you reach me before the test deadline. I am not always on the internet so don't rely on emails to notify me if you are having trouble with the test. Use correct grammar when completing your test. **I will take off points if you don't use capitals where appropriate, correct punctuation, spelling, etc.** If you go over the time limit you are subject to points being taken off your grade, so be sure and watch the time. The exams will consist of multiple choice, fill in the blank, true/false, identification, and essay questions. The final will be comprehensive. It will be over chapters 18 through 31. All exams weigh equally. **Do not use your cell phones to take the exam.** For some reason there is a glitch which causes you to get kicked off the exam. There are **no** opportunities to do extra work so make sure you do well on your exams! You only get to take each exam once.

WEB Exam Schedule

| Test | Chapter(s) | Date Opened | Date Closed |
|------|------------|-------------|-------------|
| 1 | 3 | 06.05.12 | 06.06.12 |
| 2 | 4 | 06.07.12 | 06.08.12 |
| 3 | 5 | 06.09.12 | 06.10.12 |
| 4 | 6 | 06.11.12 | 06.12.12 |
| 5 | 7 | 06.13.12 | 06.14.12 |
| 6 | 8 | 06.15.12 | 06.16.12 |
| 7 | 9 | 06.17.12 | 06.18.12 |
| 8 | 10 | 06.19.12 | 06.20.12 |
| 9 | 11 | 06.21.12 | 06.22.12 |
| 10 | 12 | 06.23.12 | 06.24.12 |
| 11 | 13 | 06.25.12 | 06.26.12 |
| 12 | 14 | 06.27.12 | 06.28.12 |

13 15 06.29.12 06.30.12

14 16 07.01.12 07.02.12

15 (Comprehensive Final) 07.03.12 07.04.12 (Chapters 3-16)

Examinations: You will have an hour to take each exam. In the **rare** instances, students encounter technical problems while taking on line exams (the most common problem being getting kicked out of the exam), the policy for this is as follows: contact me through one of the contact points provided in this syllabus and we will attempt to fix the problem. If getting “kicked off” the exam becomes a pattern, I will ask that you come to the OC to take your exams and you will not be allowed to use your book or any other notes. Also, do not use your cell phone to take the test. I have given you my phone numbers because I am not always on the internet. **If you do not hear from me within 30 minutes, call one of my numbers.** If you are taking you exam at a late hour do not call me, wait until morning and then call me. It is your responsibility to contact me before the test deadline. I reserve the right to determine if you have a valid reason for missing an exam!!! **I have provided my home phone number and an alternate number (do not call this number after 5:00 or on the weekend) so that you can contact me at all times. Call me on my cell phone as a last resort.** You can call me anytime as long as it is **after 9:00 a.m. and before 9:00 p.m.** I am not always on the internet, so it is important that you remember to contact me on my home phone or my cell number if I do not respond right away to your email. I try my best to respond as soon as possible but please make allowances for those times that I am out of pocket (i.e. out of town, etc.) It is **your responsibility** to contact me before the **deadline**.

Statement of Special Accommodations: Odessa College complies with Section 504 of the 1973 Vocational Rehabilitation Act and with the 1990 Americans With Disabilities Act. If you have any special needs or issues pertaining to your access to and participation in this or any other class at Odessa College, please feel free to contact me to discuss your concerns. You may also call the Office of Disability Services at 432-335-6861 to request assistance and accommodations.

Additional reminder...if you do need to contact me regarding a problem or concern, please remember that this is a college course. It is up to you, the student, to get in touch with me. This is not the responsibility of your parents, guardian, older sibling etc. It is your responsibility as a student and I will not discuss anything regarding your involvement in this course with anyone else.

Make-up Exams: If you are unable to take an exam during the assigned time period, you need to contact me as soon as possible (before the deadline to take the exam). Failure to do so will result in a loss of a letter grade on the exam. Otherwise there are no make-ups. You will only be allowed to make-up **one** exam. Make-up exams will more than likely be complete essay exams. I reserve the right to decide if your reason for missing an exam is valid. If I decide your reason is invalid, you will not have a chance to make up the exam.

Grading Policy: All exams weigh equally and will count for 1/15th of your semester average. Final grades will be based on the following averages: 90-100=A, 80-89=B, 70-79=C, 60-69=D, below 60=F.

Cheating will result in an automatic F for the course.

Student Success Center – If you experience problems logging onto Blackboard, call the Student Success Center at 432-335-6878. The Student Success Center provides a number of services for students including: personal academic tutors, online tutoring, individual and small group study rooms, access to computers and printers, study skills workshops and a number of other services.

Student Success Coaches: The Odessa College Student Success Coaches will help you stay focused and on track to complete your educational goals. If an instructor sees that you might need additional help or success coaching, he or she may submit a Retention Alert or a Starfish Alert. A Student Success Coach will contact you to work toward a solution.