

**Odessa College HIST 1301
US HISTORY TO 1877**

**Dual Credit Enrollment for College and High School Credit, Fall Semester 2014
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Representatives from OC will be on campus to receive your tuition payments and registration forms. YOU MUST BE REGISTERED with Odessa College to remain in this class.

This class is a "WEB-BASED" course where all instruction and assignments will be through the Internet site - **BLACKBOARD** which is accessed through www.odessa.edu. It is HIGHLY recommended that you have a computer and internet access at home to supplement and complete the classroom assignments. As a student of OC, you will have access to the OC computer center and its computers.

COURSE SYLLABUS

REFERENCE MATERIALS: from the Odessa College Bookstore you will purchase:

Text Book (required): The UNFINISHED NATION - Seventh Edition. The cost of this textbook is \$132.15. THIS TEXTBOOK IS A NEW EDITION of the same textbook used last year. This book will be used for both semesters.

**Your high school may have copies of this book for you.
Check with your counselor or classroom teacher.**

The textbook will be the primary resource for the class instruction. Lecture outlines will be based on the content of the text. The objective portion of each exam will reference the readings of the text. Essay questions will be based on the lectures and subsequent discussions and analogies.

Book Store Hours (beginning August 12th):

Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday 7:45 A.M. to 5:30 P.M.; Tuesday from 7:45 A.M. to 7 P.M. and Friday from 7:45 A.M. to 1:00 P.M.

The Book Store parking lot is off of University Blvd., across the street from the new construction. Phone #: 432-335-6655.

Thumb Drive: You must have a "Flash Drive" for your personal use. You can purchase this item where ever computer supplies are sold. You will need this to download and save documents that you will complete and then submit to me. You will use the Flash Drive when you work on your computer at home, too.

CLASS POLICIES:

Attendance: This is a "semi-self paced course." You can do the lessons at your pace but there are specific deadlines for assignments and tests. Your semester grade will be affected by missed deadlines. If you miss a test, a make-up date will be arranged that will require a "Password" provided by me.

Withdrawals and Drops: Odessa College has a policy and deadline for withdrawing/dropping a class and refund policy published in their catalogue. If you find yourself considering the possibility of dropping this class due to poor grades, please talk to me first. There will be plenty of opportunities to improve your test grades by doing the optional bonus mini-projects.

GRADING POLICY: Your High School numerical grade will be submitted according to the six-week grading periods. Your Odessa College letter grade will be a semester grade.

Chapter Tests: There will be a test for each chapter covered. These tests will normally be multiple choice and short answer essays.

UNIT and FINAL EXAMS: The text will be divided into four units. As a unit is completed, a unit exam will be given at the beginning of the next class. Each exam will consist of an objective part with multiple-choice questions, matching and/or true/false questions and several essay questions. You will be provided a list of essay questions prior to the exam. From this list several questions will be chosen just prior to taking the exam. The final exam will comprise Unit 4 and significant parts of the other units that will tie the semester together.

Bonus points may be offered on the tests and exams to determine if you remember a certain joke that was told or an analogy that was presented during one of the lectures.

All assignments including tests will be completed on-line through Odessa College's "BLACKBOARD."

MISSED DEADLINES FOR COMPLETION OR SUBMISSION OF ASSIGNMENTS PENALTY: 70-80% credit will be given depending on how late the submission is. No credit will be given if the assignment is more than a week late.

GRADING: All assignments, tests and unit exams will be based on a cumulative numerical score. Semester letter grades to OC will be according to the following scale:

A = 90 - 100%, B = 80 - 89%, C = 70 - 79%, D = 60 - 69%, F = <60%.

BONUS POINT PROJECTS: Mini-research projects will be available to the students to earn a maximum of 25 points each that will be added to your semester raw score. As an example, if you score three 70s on the three exams and do one mini-research project and receive 25 points, your semester average will be computed as earning 235 points out of a possible 300 points. This will compute as an average of 78% (instead of 70%) to be recorded as an "C+ or B-" for the semester grade.

MAXIMIZE YOUR EFFORT TO MAXIMIZE YOUR SUCCESS!!

I present history as a collection of stories on a power point presentation. I believe my lectures are interesting (meaning I will try not to bore you although I personally have gotten my best naps in a history class or two.) The power point lectures will include some "homework questions." You will find the homework questions interesting because you will be able to interact with me through the email discussions.

Knowledge of the text will be crucial for each exam since the objective questions will be based on the content of the text. Your lecture notes and completed assignments will be important for the essay portion of each exam.

Take advantage of the bonus points by visiting the identified museums or historical sites and completing the mini-research projects. The points you earn are added to your raw score prior to computing your semester average.

Your classroom teacher and the **Odessa College Student Success Coaches** will help you stay focused and on track to complete your educational goals. If I see that you might need additional help or success coaching, I may

submit a Retention Alert or a Starfish Alert. A Student Success Coach will contact you to work toward a solution.

CONTACTING ME :

If you have any questions, you may call the numbers listed above OR you may send your questions by e-mail **USING MY PERSONAL/AOL email address**. Do not email me through Odessa College.

Too many times, people think of history as what we read about in textbooks. History is today's events that we read about tomorrow in the newspaper or see on CNN every 20 minutes.

Good Luck.

Here are instructions to use to set up your OC email account. You should check this email at least twice a day.

And, there are instructions for entering Blackboard and my course.

SETTING UP OC STUDENT EMAIL

YOU WILL NEED TO USE THE EMAIL ADDRESS THAT OC PROVIDES TO YOU. It is normally the initials of your first and last name plus your OC id number without the leading zeroes @myoc.odessa.edu.

This WILL NOT be available until you have registered and paid your fees to OC. Your classroom teacher has a list of OC ID numbers if you don't remember yours. Or, you can email me to get it.

Go to www.odessa.edu

From the menu on the left hand side, select "Student Email." Scroll down the page to find the instructions. Follow these instructions to set up your student email.

Go back to the Email Screen and click on: [Click here to sign in](#)

(You should book mark this page)

You should have an email from me with the subject – "Congratulations." Read this email and send your response as instructed. **This will be available August 23rd.**

To enter BLACKBOARD

Select "OC HOME" from the menu bar.

From the menu bar on the left – select BLACKBOARD

1. Once at [Bb](#) your Username: is the initials of your First & Last name followed by your OC ID without the leading zeroes.

Example: Name: John Doe & student ID is 00123456 then your username = jd123456.

2. Your Password: is the lower case characters "oc" plus the last 4 digits of your Social Security #.
Example: SSN = 123-45-6789, password = oc6789
3. Select - [Go to Blackboard](#) (Bookmark this page so you can go to it easily.)
3. Once logged in you will see a welcome message & your courses listed on the right-hand side.
5. Select 14FA.HIST 1301.
6. Read the information that is posted on the "Announcement" page.