

HISTORY 1301 Mr. WEST FRENSHIP FALL COURSE SYLLABUS

HISTORY OF THE U.S. FROM PRE-COLONIAL TIMES TO 1877

Required Text: America: A narrative History 9th Brief ed. Vol. I by Tindall and Shi

Course Requirements:

1. There will be ten to twelve grades given each of the three parts of the course.
2. We will have short writing assignments analyzing primary source documents.
3. You will have outside readings picked by me covering the various topics in U.S. history. Those outside readings will include The Killer Angels by Michael Shaara. "The Legend of Sleepy Hollow," by Washington Irving.
4. You will read the textbook.
5. We will have quizzes over the readings, and the textbook.
6. WE will have discussions over the reading materials and the assigned textbook.
7. We will have exams covering the three segments of the course.
8. Homework: Homework will consist of a handout covering the material from the chapter in the textbook. Each student will have between 8 to 10 questions to answer from the textbook. Students should be as brief as possible in writing the answers. The homework assignment is designed to teach students how to annotate a text.
9. Grading: We will have exams over the three segments of the course at a rate of about one exam for each segment of the course coming from the lecture notes and discussion material in class. Exams will consist of 40 questions: Multiple choices, True-False, and Matching. There will be eight short answer questions, answer five. There will be two essay questions, answer only one. Exams will count 45% of the class grade. Quizzes will count 35% of the class grade. Homework/Discussion will count 15% of the class grade, and 5% of the grade will be participation and Daily Work. Homework is due on the date assigned. I will accept late homework with a 15 point deduction for the first week, and a 20 point deduction for any after that. Short writing assignments are completed in class and counted as a daily grade.
10. Course Outline:
 - Part One. Founding the New Nation: The First American Empires, Age of Exploration, Europe and Africa, the Spanish Empire in the Americas.
 - Part Two. Building the New Nation: Founding the New Nation, War of 1812. We will read The Legend of Sleepy Hollow during this segment of the course. The Rise of Mass Democracy, the National Economy, Culture and reform in the early 19th Century.
 - Part Three. Testing the Nation: The Mexican War, the Slavery issue, Manifest Destiny, the coming of the Civil War, and Reconstruction. We will read the book The Killer Angels at this time.
11. Final Exams. Finals count 20% of the class grade and will be given at the regularly scheduled final exam time. Do not ask to take the exam early, the answer is already no. You will be in the final exam for the entire time it is scheduled. The final is comprehensive and required by Angelo State University.

12. You are expected to follow the rules and guidelines as set forth by Angelo State University and the Student Code of Conduct.