HISTORY 1301 Mr. WEST FRENSHIP SPRING 2021 COURSE SYLLABUS

HISTORY OF THE U.S. FROM PRE-COLONIAL TIMES TO 1876


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 chapters in the book.
8. We will examine primary source documents, answering questions about them to turn in with a discussion in class.
9. Homework: Homework will consist of a group discussion over a chapter from the textbook and answering assigned questions from the textbook chapters.
10. Grading: We will have exams over the chapters in the book at a rate of about one exam every four to six chapters, as well as lecture notes and discussion material in class. Exams will consist of 40 questions: Multiple choices, True-False, Matching and Placing Events in Order. There will be eight short answer questions, answer five. Sometimes there will be five Fill in the Blank Questions covering dates. There will be two essay questions, answer only one. Exams will count 45% of the class grade. Quizzes will count 40% of the class grade. Homework will count 10% 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 30 point deduction for any after that. Short writing assignments are completed in class and counted in the 5% Daily grade category.
11. 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.

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