

Syllabus--History 1493

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COURSE DESCRIPTION This class is a survey of United States history since 1876. The aim of the class is to familiarize students with the major themes, events, and the social, economic, and political developments since the end of the Reconstruction era up to our own day. We will review, when it is necessary, any pertinent factors from a prior time period that may bear on the time period under discussion.

TEXTBOOK *American Destiny: Narrative of a Nation*, by Mark C. Carnes and John A. Garraty, Volume II.

CLASSROOM POLICIES AND CLASSROOM ETIQUETTE When you attend class, you are expected to observe the rudiments of civil behavior. Do NOT chat with friends during class—the instructor *will* inquire as to what the “problem” is. Do NOT bring children to class. Do NOT sleep, eat, drink, or use tobacco products in the class; each of these is an annoyance and a distraction to your colleagues. Do NOT consistently arrive late to class. Do NOT leave in the middle of class. If you have a legitimate reason to exit the classroom early, speak to me before class begins and I will direct you to sit near the door. Please turn off your cell phones before coming into the classroom. In short, observe good manners and be considerate of your instructor and your colleagues. Students who persist in disrupting the course in any of the ways mentioned above can expect to have points deducted from their semester grade.

I encourage questions during class, but only if they are of a nature that pertain to American history or to classroom matters in general. For specifically personal or individual problems or situations, please speak to me AFTER the class period, during my office hours, or at some other appointed time.

“Grade checks” for sororities or fraternities and for Academic Strategies will be signed only during office hours, AT the office only.

READING ASSIGNMENTS Assignments are to be read *before* the class. I encourage you to take notes on the reading, as that helps in your retaining the

material for Discussion sessions, as well as for Exam and Quiz purposes. Preparation will enable you to participate in class discussions, and that will enter into the determination of your grade.

DISCUSSION SECTIONS Each week, one class period will be devoted to students' discussing the material in the reading assignments. We will break up into groups, discuss the important events, trends, people, and ideas in that week's reading assignment, **WHICH EVERYONE WILL HAVE ALREADY READ**. Each group will then present to the rest of the class the product of their discussion. The exact topics will be specified in advance in class; they will also be posted on the I-drive in the Discussion folder.

EXAMS and GRADING Two major Exams and a Final will be given on the days indicated on the Course Schedule, below. The Exams will be "objective" in format (multiple choice, True/False, etc.), although a few written short answer questions may be included. "Pop" quizzes will also make an appearance; participation in class discussion will also be part of your grade. The Final is not cumulative.

The semester grade will be determined as follows:

Exam 1.....	20%
Exam 2.....	25%
Discussion participation, quizzes.....	30%
Final.....	25%

ANSWER SHEETS Before the last class period of the first week, please give me a package of Scan-Tron answer sheets (Form 882), which may be purchased at the University Bookstore. Please **DO NOT OPEN** the package. Write your name, class, and hour on the outside of the package. Number 2 lead pencils are required for the Scan-Trons.

MISSED QUIZZES AND EXAMS There will be no make-ups for the Quizzes. No credit will be given for any Quiz unless you are on time and present for the entire class period. For Exams, no credit will be given unless you are present at the beginning of the class period; you will have to take the make-up, which will be given during Finals week.

If you cannot, due to circumstances beyond your control, take an Exam at the scheduled time, please speak to me before the Exam so that you can take a make-up at an agreed-upon time. All make-ups for missed Exams will take place during Finals week; the exact time and place will be announced.

ATTENDANCE will be taken regularly and may factor into your grade if absences are excessive.

ADA COMPLIANCE Any member of the class who has a disability and needs special accommodations should inform the instructor at the first class attended.