

• UNITED STATES HISTORY 1302- SPRING 2014 WB SYLLABUS

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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, Seventh 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 **16** through Chapter **29**. Chapter exams will be posted **every** other day beginning **January 23, 2014 and conclude with the final exam which opens on May 8, 2014.** The exams will open at **8:00 p. m.** every **Thursday** and will remain available until **8:00 p.m. the following Monday** 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, be sure you get in touch with me **before** the deadline. I have given you the phone numbers where you can reach me. If you have waited until the right before the deadline to take the test, I insist that you call me if you experience problems with the test. Call me on my cell as a last resort. As I stated I will not open the test if you do not contact me before the deadline. **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. Each exam will cover one

chapter with the exception of the first exam which will cover chapters 1 & 2 and the final which will be comprehensive. You will have an hour to complete each exam with the exception of the final exam. You will have 2 ½ hours to complete the final. Use correct grammar when taking 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. All exams weigh equally. **There are no opportunities to do extra work or to re-take the exam so make sure you do well on your exams the first time.**

		• <b>WEB Exam Schedule</b>		
Test	Chapter(s)	Date Closed	Date Opened	
1	16	01.02.14	01.23.14	
2	17			
3	18	10.14	01.30.14	02.03.14
4	19			02.06.14
5	20		02.13.14	02.17.14
6	21		02.20.14	02.24.14
7	22		02.27.14	03.03.14
8	23		03.06.14	03.10.14
9			03.20.14	03.24.14
10	24		03.27.14	03.31.14
11	25	04.03.14	04.07.14	
12	26	04.10.14	04.14.14	
13	27	04.17.14	04.21.14	
14	28	04.24.14	04.28.14	
15	29	05.01.14	05.05.14	
16	Final (Chapters 16-29)	05.08.14	05.12.14	

- **Examinations:** You will have an hour to take each exam with the exception of the final which will be comprehensive. You will have 2 ½ hours to take the final exam. The **final** will cover chapters **16 – 29** . 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 testing center to take your exams and you will not be allowed to take your book or any other notes into the testing center. I have given you my phone numbers because I am not always on the internet. If you do not hear from me immediately, call one of my phone numbers, as long as you are taking the exam between the hours of **9:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m.**, otherwise call me the next day as soon as you can. **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!!! **If you do not call me during office hours, call my home phone number and/or the alternate number (do not call this number after 5:00 or on the weekend). 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 do not always check my e-mail on the week-ends so it is important that you remember to try and contact me on my home phone or my cell number. 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.)
- **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 exam deadline). Failure to do so will result in a loss of a letter grade on the exam. You will be allowed one make-up exam. Make-up exams will more than likely be complete essay exams. Once again, 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 1/15<sup>th</sup> 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 assistance and a number of other services. They do have summer hours so be sure and check what hours they stay open.
- **Design for Completion Initiative:** As part of the Design for Completion initiative, your Odessa College Student Success Coach and faculty mentor 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. Your Student Success Coach or faculty mentor will contact you to work toward a solution.