

AMERICAN HISTORY 1301 WB SYLLABUS FALL

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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.

**Textbook:** Alan Brinkley, **The Unfinished Nation: A Concise History of the American People, Sixth Edition. (Make sure your book includes chapters 16 & 17.)**

**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 Chapters 3 through 17. Chapter exams will be posted every **Thursday at 8:00 p.m. and close every Monday at 8:00 p.m.(this includes holidays)** beginning, **Thursday, August 25, 2011 at 8:00 p.m. and conclude with the final exam which will close Monday, December 5, 2011 at 8:00 p.m.** Once you open the test, you will have one hour to take the test. 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 four (4) phone numbers where you can reach me. It is your responsibility to reach me before the deadline. Make a copy of the syllabus so that you can always have my phone numbers available. If you e-mail me and I don't answer you before the deadline then you will not be able to take the test – it is why I have given you all my phone numbers. Each exam will cover one chapter. You will have an hour to complete the exam. **The final will not be comprehensive.** It will be like all the other chapter exams and consist only of the last chapter. All exams weigh equally. Use correct grammar when completing your test. **I will take off points if you don't use capitals where appropriate, correct punctuation, etc.** Also, answer the question completely. 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 or a combination of these formats. **There will be no opportunities for extra credit work.**

**WEB Exam Schedule**

Test	Chapter(s)	Date Opened	Date Closed
1	3	08.25.11	08.29.11
2	4	09.01.11	09.05.11
3	5	09.08.11	09.12.11
4	6	09.15.11	09.19.11
5	7	09.22.11	09.26.11
6	8	09.29.11	10.03.11
7	9	10.06.11	10.10.11
8	10	10.13.11	10.17.11
9	11	10.20.11	10.24.11

10	12	10.27.11	10.31.11
11	13	11.03.11	11.07.11
12	14	11.10.11	11.14.11
13	15	11.17.11	11.21.11
14	16	11.24.11	11.28.11
15	17 (Final)	12.01.11	12.05.11

**Examinations:** You will have an hour to take each exam. 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 within 30 minutes, call one of my numbers. **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!!! Please remember that I do not have office hours during the summer, so if you call me at my office number I might not respond for days. **I have provided my home phone number and an alternate number (do not call this number after 5:00 or on the weekend) so that you can contact me at all times. 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.)

**Student Success Center - 335-6878** – If you experience technical problems with blackboard, call the Student Success Center. The SSS offers many services including: personal academic tutors, lab assistants, online tutoring, individual and small group study rooms, access to computers and printers and other services to help make your college experience a more successful one.

**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 deadline to take the exam**). Failure to do so will result in a loss of a letter grade on the exam. Otherwise there are no make-ups. 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.**