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Textbook: Brinkley: *The Unfinished Nation; A Concise History of the American People*; sixth edition.

Assignments: The examinations will begin with Chapter Sixteen and continue through Chapter Thirty plus the final exam. The first exam will open at 7:00 am on Wednesday, August 31, 2011 and will remain open until 7:00 am, Saturday, September 3, 2011. The next exam will open on Wednesday, September 7, 2011 at 7:00 am and remain open until the same time Saturday of the same week. In other words, you will have an exam every week during the entire semester, including the Thanksgiving break. You may take your exam at any time during the seventy-two hour window, but once the exam closes, it will not be re-opened. Again, we will be covering Chapters Sixteen through Thirty. These assignments will consist of some type of multiple choice questions, fill in the blank, true/false, essay, or possibly a combination of these formats. Your final exam will be made available on Tuesday, December 6, 2011 at 7:00 am. It will remain open until 10:00 pm that same day. Your final exam will be a comprehensive exam and will consist of fifty questions taken from previous exams. All course work will be submitted through the blackboard system and each assignment will be announced through the announcement icon on the course website. This makes activating your student email account and checking it daily mandatory. Critical information pertaining any course work is always sent via the OC system. All exams weigh equally.

Grading Policy: All assignments weigh equally. Final semester grades will be based on the following averages: 90-100 = A, 80-89 = B, 70-79 = C, 60-69 = D, below 60 = F.

General Guidelines:

- 1). As with any "cyber-space class" there can be glitches in the system. Power failures, storms, viruses, spilled drinks, personal emergencies can all interfere with our success. Hopefully, none of these things will occur, but if they do, simply contact me through one of the contact points provided in this syllabus and we will attempt to fix the problem. When emails are sent, it would be prudent to note that common courtesy is expected and will be given in return.
- 2.) Make-up opportunities are a privilege and not a right so please note that those situations are decided by me. IF a make-up opportunity does become necessary, there will be only one opportunity per customer.

3.) Plagiarism will not be tolerated and any such action will result in an automatic zero. It is always a good idea to check your email daily for any course you are taking.

4.) It is always my intention to respond to you within 24 hours of your contact, but emergencies happen for me as well and I will respond to your contact as soon as possible.

SPECIAL NEEDS: Odessa College complies with Section 504 of the Vocational Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. If you have any special needs or issues pertaining to your access 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 335-6861 to request assistance and accommodations.

Learning Objectives

Course Objective: This survey course in US History is designed to provide the student with the basic knowledge and understanding of present institutions through the study of their past development. This course should also give the student a better understanding of germane disciplines such as political science, sociology, philosophy, literature, and economics in addition to preparing the student for careers in teaching, law, and public service

Required Materials

Alan Brinkley

The Unfinished Nation; A Concise History of the American People

6th Edition

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