

History 1301.wb7 US History to 1877

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#### COURSE DESCRIPTION

Organizes, interprets and evaluates the European background, establishment of colonial foundations, rise of American nationality, growth and sectional crisis and the Civil War and Reconstruction.

#### TEXT

Brinkley, Alan. The Unfinished Nation: A Concise History of the American People, 6th ed. New York: McGraw-Hill, 2010.

#### COURSE REQUIREMENTS:

## Communication:

We will primarily communicate through emails, announcements and the discussion board. If you don't have an OC student email account, set one up by following the instructions at "Student Email" on the OC homepage at [www.odessa.edu](http://www.odessa.edu). Once you have this account, check it frequently - it is the major means of communication between student and instructor.

If your computer goes down, or Bb kicks you off, or some other problem occurs while you are taking a unit quiz, you should email me at [tpease@odessa.edu](mailto:tpease@odessa.edu) as soon as you can. I monitor the testing progress when tests are opened and I will correct whatever Bb problem I can when I get your email. If it's something I can't fix on the spot, or if I am totally out of reach, I will attend to the problem on Monday. I will let you know if I am going to be completely unavailable over a test weekend. Please do not call the Testing Center if you are having problems and can't reach me. The Testing Center staff does not have access to my Bb account and cannot help you with Bb related problems.

## Chapter/Unit Quizzes

This web-based section of History 1301 requires that students be consistent, thorough and timely in completing reading assignments and quizzes.

You should be familiar with OC's web-course environment called Blackboard. If you are not, please contact the Student Learning Center at 335-6673 for Blackboard tutorials and help.

All tests will be completed through Blackboard. This is a reading course, and you should be prepared to read at least one chapter of the text each week throughout the semester. Staying current with the reading assignments is critical to your success in this class.

Most quizzes will cover two chapters with 30 items (2 points each) in each quiz. Quizzes will open on Blackboard every other Friday thru Sunday from 8 am Friday until 8:00 pm on Sunday. The Blackboard timer is set for 45 minutes and will shut the test down if you exceed that time.

See the Course Calendar for quiz dates and chapters covered by each. The final quiz in the semester will cover three chapters.

QUIZZES FOR HISTORY 1301.WB7 and WZ7 ARE TO BE TAKEN INDEPENDENTLY AND WITHOUT THE USE OF TEXT OR NOTES.

Everyone should have sufficient time to complete each and I don't plan to offer make-up exams except on a case-by-case basis. If you find that are not able to take a quiz when it is available, you'll need to let me know, preferably before the quiz becomes available at 8 am on Friday.

There will be 7 quizzes, one every other weekend and covering the two chapters you read the previous weeks. The exception is the last quiz, covering Ch 13, 14 &15 . You will have 40 minutes on the Bb timer to complete each quiz of 30 items. Quizzes are accessed under the "ASSIGNMENTS" button.

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You should plan to take each quiz on a reliable computer with (most important!!) a reliable internet connection. Because I will not be able to instantly intervene in Bb if you have connection problems, you'll need to let me know by email at [tpease@odessa.edu](mailto:tpease@odessa.edu) you do experience some kind of problem and I will attend to it as soon as I can. if

The Student Learning Center and the LRC on campus are both open extended weekday hours and on weekends. Please check with either office for hours. Booth have computers with reliable internet available to students.

YOU MUST LET ME KNOW IN ADVANCE, if you know in advance that you will be away from an internet connection during the time frame set for a particular quiz. This involves work or family business that requires you to be away.

YOU MUST LET ME KNOW ASAP if some unavoidable circumstance arrives - death in the family, unexpected business trip, etc. I may be able to open the test early or to extend testing times.

I will provide Reading and Study Points at the beginning of each two week period prior to a quiz so that you will have some direction in your reading. You'll find these under "Assignments", just above the link to the quiz for those chapters.

Syllabus Quiz:

You will find a ten-item syllabus quiz under "Assignments". This quiz may be taken twice and MUST be completed by Friday, September 2 at 8 pm. It can add 10 points to your semester grade, and it should, as it is an "open source" quiz. I recommend that you print a copy of this syllabus and use it to complete the quiz - one or two times, whatever it takes you to get an optimum score.

Failure to complete the syllabus quiz will result in a 50 point deduction from your semester total.

Grading Scales

Final semester grade will be calculated on this basis:

7 quizzes at maximum of 60 points each and 1 Syllabus Quiz at 10 points = 430 points

90-100 % (387-430 points) A

80-89% (344-386 points) B

70-79% (301-343 points) C

60-69% (258-300 points) D

>60% (0-257 points) F

Chapter Quizzes:

90-100% 54-60 points A

80-89% 48-54 points B

70-79% 42-47 points C

60-69% 36-41 points D

>60% 0-35 points F

Withdrawals:

If you believe that you are not going to pass this class with a reasonable grade (or pass at all), you must be prepared to withdraw from the course. The final day to drop a class in Fall, 2010 is Wednesday, November 9.

I will not provide you with an administrative withdrawal in this class except under the most extreme circumstances, which would need to be discussed with me in advance. No administrative drops can be awarded during the final week of the semester.

Incompletes:

A grade of "Incomplete" can be given ONLY if (1) the student has passed all coursework attempted to date and (2) he/she has completed a minimum of 75% of the coursework assigned for the semester. A grade of "I" will be assigned only after a discussion concerning the conditions for completing the coursework has taken place and agreed to in writing by the student and the instructor.

Special Needs:

Odessa College complies with Section 504 of the Vocational Reahabilitation Act of 1973, and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. 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 335-6861 to request assistance and accommodations.

#### COURSE CALENDAR

Week of	Assignment
8/22	Read Ch 1 in text.
8/29	Ch 2 (and Ch 1 if you registered late).
9/2	Deadline to complete Syllabus quiz. Remember, failure to complete this quiz will penalize you by 50 points from your semester grade.
9/5	Read Ch 3.
9/9-9/11	Quiz Chapters 1, 2, & 3: 8 am 9/9 to 8 pm 9/11

9/12 Read Ch 4.

9/19 Read Ch 5

9/23-9/25 Quiz Chapters 4 & 5: 8 am 9/23 - 8 pm 9/25

9/26 Read Ch 6

10/3 Read Ch 7.

10/7-10/9 Quiz Chapters 6 & 7: 8 am 10/7 - 8 pm 10/9

10/10 Read Ch 8.

10/17 Read Ch 9.

10/21-10/23 Quiz Chapters 8 & 9 8 am 10/21 - 8 pm 10/23

10/24 Read Ch 10.

10/31 Read Ch 11.

11/4 - 11/6 Quiz Chapters 10 & 11: 8 am 11/4 - 8 pm 11/6

11/7 Read Ch 12.

11/14 Read Ch 13.

11/18-11/20 Quiz Chapters 12 & 13: 8 am 11/18 - 8 pm 11/20

11/21 Read Ch 14

11/28 Read Ch 15.

12/2-12/4 Quiz on Ch 14 & 15 from 8 am 12/2 until 8:00 pm 12/4. When you complete this quiz, you have finished the course.