History 2111  U.S. History to 1865
Spring 2014

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Course Meetings: This class meets on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 11:00 to 11:52 in TLC, Room 1203

Learning Outcomes: History 2111 examines major developments and themes in American History from the pre-Columbian era through the end of the U.S. Civil War. The course has several learning outcomes: Students will demonstrate the ability to think historically through understanding the political, social, economic, and cultural dimensions of U.S. History; comprehend causal relationships and patterns of change and continuity over time; and demonstrate an awareness of the social significance of ethnicity, gender, race, and class in historical events and study. Classroom assignments will help students hone critical thinking, reading, and writing skills. Students will be evaluated using scheduled tests, unscheduled quizzes, and classroom discussions.

Grading/Course Requirements
1st Test/Midterm- 33% of grade
2d Test/Final Exam- 33% of grade
Quizzes- 34% of grade
There is no extra credit offered in this course.

Tests- These will cover material from classroom lectures and assigned texts. The format will be announced in class.

Quizzes- Unannounced quizzes (usually five or six over the course of the semester) will be given throughout the semester on material from the assigned texts.

Makeup tests & quizzes- Makeup assignments are given only under emergency circumstances. Students who miss an assignment must provide the instructor with a written excuse from a doctor, coach, etc. explaining the absence. Students with valid excuses will have one week from the time they return to class to make up assignments, after which time they will be given a zero.

Class participation and discussion- Students are encouraged to ask and answer questions in class. Class participation can only help your final grade in the course and will be taken into consideration at the end of the semester in the case of students with borderline grades.

Attendance- Attendance will be taken at the beginning of every class period. Students who enter class late will not be allowed to sign the roll at the end of class. Students who need to leave during class must provide an excuse to the instructor before the class begins. Anyone who leaves during class without providing an excuse will be marked absent and receive a zero on that day’s assignment, even if the student has completed the assignment.

Attendance will be examined at the end of the semester in the case of students with borderline course grades. Students who are absent should get lecture notes from a classmate.

Laptops- Laptop computers are allowed for note-taking, but those using them must sit in the back row of the classroom. Texting or any other use of electronic devices in the class is prohibited.

Cheating- Cheating in any form (including plagiarism- presenting someone else’s words as your own without citing them) will not be tolerated. Students caught cheating will receive an F on that assignment and probably an F in the course.

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http://www.westga.edu/assetsDept/vpaa/CommonLanguageforCourseSyllabi.pdf
Required Texts

Ayers, Gould, Oshinsky, & Soderland, American Passages, A History of the United States Volume One: To 1877 Brief Edition


Paine, Thomas, Common Sense

Jacobs, Harriet, Incidents in the Life of a Slave Girl

Alcott, Louisa May, Hospital Sketches

Weekly Assignments  Note: All chapter references are to Ayers, et al., American Passages. All references to articles are to the 22d edition of Annual Editions.

Week 1  Jan 6-10  Introduction  Chapter 1, Annual Editions, Articles 1, 2, & 3

Week 2  Jan 13-17  Chapters 2-3, Articles 4, 5, 6

Week 3  Jan. 20-24  No class on Monday, Jan. 20 (MLKJ Holiday)  Chapter 4  Articles 8, 9, 10

Week 4  Jan 27-31  Chapter 5  Quiz over Thomas Paine, Common Sense

Week 5  Feb 3-7  Chapter 6, Annual Editions, Articles 13, 14

Week 6  Feb 10-14  Chapter 7  Annual Editions, Articles 15, 16, 18

Week 7  Feb 17-21  Chapter 8, Annual Editions Articles 19, 21

Week 8  Feb 24-28  Midterm on Friday, February 28

Week 9  March 3-7  Chapters 9 and 10 Articles 22, 23, 24

Week 10 March 10-14  Chapter 11  Quiz on Jacobs, Incidents in the Life of a Slave Girl

Spring Break  March 17-21

Week 11 March 24-28  Chapter 12  Articles 25, 26

Week 12 March 31-April 4  Chapter 13  Articles 28, 29, 31

Week 13 April 7-11  Chapter 14  Articles 36, 38, 43

Week 14 April 14-18  Last day of class is Friday, April 18  Quiz over Alcott, Hospital Sketches, April 18

Final Exam is Friday, April 25, 11:00am-1:30 p.m. in TLC, Room 1203