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SYLLABUS  UNITED STATES HISTORY 1301

History 1301 covers U. S. History To 1877. This class will study from beginnings of the colonies to Reconstruction. Most of the material will be presented in class through lectures. Your reading and class assignments will cover material that we do not cover in lecture. Exams will test your ability to learn information and use that information. This class will also stress such academic skills as note taking and reading text material for comprehension. Because I stress note taking as an academic skill, I do not allow tape recorders or laptops or tablets, etc. You need to inform me if you need to use a tape recorder. If you need help with this course, you will need to come to my office.

YOU WILL NEED TO PURCHASE THE TEXT TO FUNCTION IN THIS COURSE:

OR YOU CAN ORDER THE BOOK DIRECTLY FROM http://www.mypearsonstore.com/bookstore/  
You will see several options on that webpage: online e-text or paper cover

MyHistoryLab (MHL) is not required for the course. But some students find it useful because it has study aids for the book.

Absences: You have 6 absences in this class. These six should be used judiciously because on the seventh absence you have earned an F in the course for a lack of class participation. Only university official functions are excused absences. You must provide official university notification if your absence is an official university function. If you miss class, you are responsible for getting the material that you missed. If you miss an exam, you will have one opportunity to take a makeup exam. I will set up the makeup exam day. If you do not take a test either on the regularly scheduled day or on the makeup day, you will receive a zero for that exam. A zero is not dropped when exam grades are averaged for this class at the end of the semester. If you arrive late to class, you must tell me that you were in class at the end of that class period; I will not change absences after that time.

Grading: Your final course grade will be determined by the following (if your absence record is 6 or less):
1. Three major exams
2. Each exam will be one hour
3. Your final course grade will be the average of these three exams.

Grading scale: No curve will be used for any exam. The standard ten-point scale will always determine your letter grade.  
100-90=A  89-80=B  79-70=C  69-60=D  59 or below =F

Exams: Exams are essay and short answer. You will be responsible for lectures and textbook assignments. These exams are designed to test what you have learned and how well you can use that information. Exam dates will be announced two weeks in advance of the exam day. All of your answers to
the exam must be in the bluebook. Do not tear pages out from the bluebook.

**Seating:** A seating chart will be used.

**And remember--no talking, no tobacco, no exiting, no hats, AND NO CELL PHONES OR TEXTING OR SURFING THE WEB OR EMAIL. Thanks.**

**ADA STATEMENT**
It is the policy of Tarleton State University to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act and other applicable laws. If you are a student with a disability seeking accommodations for this course, please contact the Center for Access and Academic Testing, at 254.968.9400 or caat@tarleton.edu. The office is located in Math 201. More information can be found at www.tarleton.edu/caat or in the University Catalog.

**ACADEMIC HONESTY**
Tarleton State University expects its students to maintain high standards of personal and scholarly conduct. Students guilty of academic dishonesty are subject to disciplinary action. Academic dishonesty includes, but is not limited to, cheating on an examination or other academic work, plagiarism, collusion, and the abuse of resource materials. The faculty member is responsible for initiating action for each case of academic dishonesty that occurs in his/her class.

**COURSE SCHEDULE**
First 5 weeks will cover Chapters 1-5 in the textbook; lecture material will cover corresponding material

Second 5 weeks will cover chapters 6-10 in textbook; lecture material will cover corresponding material

Third 5 weeks will cover chapters 11-16 in textbook; lecture material will cover corresponding material