



Syllabus

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Tips for Success

If you're new to online courses, or if you just need a quick refresher, be sure to take a look at the Student and Parent Handbook.

What You Should Already Know

There are no prerequisites for this course. All of the necessary information will be found within the course.

Course Learning Outcomes

Upon successful completion of this course, you should be able to do the following:

- Understand historical events that led to the development of America, its people, and its government.
- View history from a variety of viewpoints.
- Use skills that will help you in other areas of your education and life.

Course Materials

You will need access to a good atlas of the United States. You can find this in an actual atlas, reference book, textbook, or on the web. This will be helpful as you look and create maps about the historical areas you are studying. First person references (such as I, my, me, etc.) included in the course content come from the author, not your instructor.

Assignments

You will complete these assignments during the course.

"What Do You Think" Questions

Pay close attention to the "What Do You Think?" questions. They are designed to analyze the information that has been presented. Read the discussion material and then put some thought into how you answer the "What Do You Think?" questions. Then compare what you have written to what I wrote as a "possible answer." Remember it is a possible answer, not an absolute answer, so if what I have is close to what you have then we are looking at the concept the same way. Although they do not count toward your grade, these questions are helpful to study for the unit quiz questions and course final exam. Please remember that the "What Do You Think?" questions are based on your opinions, so you and I don't have to agree. However, we both need to be in the same ballpark. If not, go back and see if you can figure out what is missing.

Unit Quizzes

Each unit contains a quiz. To study for the unit quizzes, go back and make sure that you understand all of the big ideas in the "What Do You Think?" questions. Unit quizzes do count toward your grade, so you should do your best on them.

Instructor-Graded Assignment

Your course project will be submitted as an instructor-graded assignment. See the instructions in the Instructor-Graded Assignment folder for details. Before you begin your work in this course, I suggest you read through the Instructor-Graded Assignment and decide what final project you are interested in so that you can be thinking about it while you do your coursework.

Exams

The practice exam is only worth 2 percent of your grade so that you will take the opportunity to see how well prepared you are for the actual final exam. If you do well on the practice final exam without using any notes or books or other resources, you should be ready for the final exam.

You will complete one final exam for this course. The final exam has 50 multiple-choice questions. Review the “What Do You Think?” questions, unit quizzes, and practice exam to study for the final.

Grading

Your grade in this course will be based on these assignments and exams:

ASSIGNMENT OR EXAM	GRADING	PERCENT OF TOTAL GRADE
6 Unit Quizzes	Computer	54%
Instructor-Graded Assignment	Instructor	10%
Practice Exam	Computer	2%
1 Final Exam	Computer	34%

Resubmissions and Retakes

For information about resubmitting assignments, please contact your AK Grad instructor.

Grade Scale

Your letter grade is calculated according to these percentages.

A	100% – 93%
A-	92% – 90%
B+	89% – 86%
B	85% – 83%

B-	82% – 80%
C+	79% – 76%
C	75% – 73%
C-	72% – 70%
D+	69% – 66%
D	65% – 63%
D-	62% – 60%
E (fail)	59% – 0%

Course Policies

For information about how long you have to complete the course, resubmitting assignments, and other questions, please contact your AK Grad instructor.