



Syllabus

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What You Should Already Know

There are no prerequisites for this course. In fact, the course is written in a way that any student can succeed, regardless of previous knowledge or experience. If you are less familiar with the material covered in this course, it is recommended that you consult an atlas, the Internet, or an encyclopedia for additional information. However, all of the necessary information will be found within the pages of this course.

Learning Outcomes

Study the following outcomes closely and do your best to achieve each one.

1. Discuss your understanding of the development of European society, including historical and cultural examples.
2. Discuss your understanding of the great native societies of the Americas, including historical and cultural examples.
3. Explain how Europe was able to conquer the great civilizations of the Americas as well as the rest of the world.
4. Identify the different styles of establishing colonies among the different European nations.
5. Appreciate a thorough study of history by completing the different activities included with each lesson (the study of history is a lot more than just reading materials and taking tests on that information).

These are just five main outcomes for the course. My hope is that you will get much more out of each unit. Enjoy your educational journey.

Course Materials

All of the information you need for this course is found within each of the five main units. There are five activities that will require you to do more than just read. You will have to gather additional materials such as renting a video. However, there are no additional requirements for this course. First person references (such as I, my, me, etc.) included in the course content come from the author, not your instructor.

Course Organization

Assignments

The course contains five content units. Each unit is written in a dialogue format. Included in this course are many “What Do You Think?” questions in the text – the same type of thought questions that your instructor would ask students in the classroom. It is expected that you enter your answer to each of these questions and then compare your answer to the one your instructor has provided. For you to fully appreciate the material you are studying, you must answer these questions.

Unit Quizzes

At the end of each unit is a quiz to assess how well you understood the material you read. Do the reading and take notes as you go along to guarantee your success with each unit.

Portfolio Assignments

Additionally, each unit contains a portfolio assignment that you are to complete. These assignments range from teaching someone a lesson from the unit to creating your own crest. These activities are meant to be fun and educational. For the portfolio submission, you will turn in a compilation of your written work. See "Portfolio Assignment Submission" for more information.

Exams

The final exam contains 71 questions and is comprehensive. In other words, you are responsible for all of the material covered in this course. The practice exam will help you prepare for the final exam. If you do well on the practice exam without looking at books or notes, you will probably do well on your actual exam.

Grading

The following chart shows the grading breakdown for the entire course.

Assignment	Percentage
Unit 1 Quiz	12%
Unit 2 Quiz	12%
Unit 3 Quiz	12%
Unit 4 Quiz	12%
Unit 5 Quiz	12%
Portfolio Assignment (includes 5 activities)	15%
Practice Exam	2%
Final Exam	23%

Grading Scale

The following grading scale will determine your final grade for the course:

A	100-93
A-	92-88
B+	87-84
B	83-80
B-	79-77
C+	76-75
C	74-73
C-	72-70
D+	69-67

D	66-63
D-	62-60
E (fail)	59 or below