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COURSE SYLLABUS, Spring 2019

HIST 110A: AMERICAN CIVILIZATION

Instructor Information:

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Hours Available:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Monday afternoons, 3:30 – 5• Tuesday mornings, 8 - 10 and Tuesday afternoons, 12 – 1:30 AND 3:30 – 5• Wednesday afternoons by appointment (I typically am available to meet with students on the FIRST and FOURTH Wednesday afternoons of each month, from 3:30 – 5)• Thursday mornings, 8 – 10 and Thursday afternoons, 12 – 1:30 AND 3:30 - 5 (EXCEPTION: On the first Thursday of each month, my afternoon office hours are cancelled to accommodate a departmental meeting.)• Friday mornings, 8:30 – 11:30• Friday afternoons by appointment• Saturdays by appointment
Instructor Background: B.A., Classical and Near Eastern Archaeology and Ancient Greek (Bryn Mawr College); M.A. and Ph.D., Classical Art and Archaeology (The University of Michigan); teaching experience primarily in history (all levels and numerous topics) but also in classics, art history, art appreciation, liberal studies, world literature, global perspectives (history and literature courses), and basic writing.	

Course Information:	
Course Time:	Monday and Wednesday 1:45 – 3:15 P.M.
Classroom:	265
Prerequisites:	None
Required Books and Materials:	<p>1) Notebook and note-taking supplies. <u>PRIOR TO OUR NEXT CLASS MEETING, please buy yourself a large, sturdy three-ring binder, fill it with loose-leaf paper, and also buy a staple remover so you can easily insert class handouts (of which you'll receive many!) into the binder. PLEASE BRING YOUR NOTEBOOK WITH YOU TO EACH AND EVERY SESSION THROUGHOUT THE SEMESTER!!</u></p> <p>2) Your own class notes (VERY IMPORTANT!). Please be aware that it is absolutely crucial to take notes at every single class meeting. You may find it helpful to write at least some of your notes directly onto the handouts, but always make sure to have a supply of blank notebook paper handy, too! IF YOU MISS A CLASS, IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO OBTAIN RELEVANT NOTES FROM A CLASSMATE WITHIN ONE WEEK.</p> <p>3) www.ccsj.edu/blackboard Please check Blackboard at least once per week for any announcements. Also, note that “practice questions” will be posted on Blackboard at least two days prior to each quiz to help you review the material. IN THE EVENT OF AN UNEXPECTED CLASS CANCELLATION (due to dangerous weather conditions, power outages, instructor illness, etc.), PLEASE BE SURE TO CHECK THE BLACKBOARD SITE, WHERE A <u>REQUIRED</u> ASSIGNMENT IN LIEU OF ATTENDING CLASS WILL BE POSTED!</p>
Learning Outcomes/ Competencies:	
<u>Upon completion of the American Civilization course, students will:</u>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Know key events and dates in American history, from colonial times to the present. • Know the basic geography of the United States and understand how, when, and why this nation grew as it did. • Discuss long-standing issues and problems in United States history. • Report on careers and contributions of noteworthy persons in United States history. • Analyze similarities and differences between past and current events in the history of the United States. 	
<u>This course reinforces the following General Education Skills objectives:</u>	
Objective # 1: Students will read analytically, synthetically, and critically in a variety of genres.	
Objective # 2: Students will write in a variety of forms using valid logic, persuasive rhetoric, and correct grammar, usage, and punctuation.	
Objective # 3: Students will be able to orally deliver a presentation with a clear central idea that is logically developed, supported by convincing evidence and valid reasoning, and expressed using language and delivery choices thoughtfully adapted to the audience.	
Objective # 6: Students will be able to apply ethical standards that reflect critical thought and responsible action to social issues, and to analyze their own core beliefs and the origin of these beliefs.	
Course Description:	
This course surveys American civilizations from colonial times to the present. It reviews the basic chronology of American civilizations while focusing on the major events and problems of American	

history, including political, social, cultural, and economic developments. The course also emphasizes geography as it relates to American history and some interpretive issues regarding major events and problems in American civilizations.

Learning Strategies:

Lectures, class discussions (planned and spontaneous), reading and writing assignments, and oral presentation.

Experiential Learning Opportunities:

Oral presentation.

Assessments:		
Major Assignments (Summative Assignments):	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Five-Paragraph Essay • Post-Test 	10% of course grade 15% of course grade
Assessments (Formative Assignments):	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quizzes (7) • In-Class Essays (short, informal, on-the-spot essays) (5) • Oral Presentation 	35 % of course grade 30 % of course grade 10 % of course grade
Class Participation:	Students who earn an “A” in class participation (please see separate rubric) will each receive three extra points , added to their final class average.	
Grading Scale:		
100% – 93%: A 92% – 90%: A- 89% – 87%: B+ 86% – 83%: B 82% – 80%: B- 79% – 77%: C+ 76% – 73%: C 72% – 70%: C- 69% – 67%: D+ 66% – 63%: D 62% – 60%: D- 59% and below: F		

Course Schedule:		
Class Date	Class Discussion / Activities	Homework
Monday, January 14	Welcome, introduction, and pre-test(!).	Obtain required supplies for the class.
Wednesday, January 16	Newcomers to North America in the 15- and 1600s, including some of the first contacts—and clashes—between Native North Americans and Europeans.	
Wednesday, January 23	The early colonial era, continued.	Study for Quiz # 1.
Monday, January 28	QUIZ # 1. The New England Puritan heritage.	
Wednesday, January 30	The North American colonies on the eve of the Revolutionary War.	Study for Quiz # 2.

Monday, February 4	QUIZ # 2. The American Revolution, introductory unit.	
Wednesday, February 6	The American Revolution, continued. IN-CLASS ESSAY # 1.	
Monday, February 11	Two great American documents: the Declaration of Independence and the U.S. Constitution.	
Wednesday, February 13	The U.S. in the post-Revolutionary War era. "Lewis and Clark: Great Journey West" (film and discussion).	Study for Quiz # 3.
Monday, February 18	QUIZ # 3. The War of 1812: causes, pivotal events, and aftermath.	
Wednesday, February 20	U.S. leadership, policies, and territorial growth from 1817 to 1849 (broad survey; topics will include the Second Seminole War and the Mexican-American War).	Study for Quiz # 4.
Monday, February 25	QUIZ # 4. "The Trail of Tears" (film and discussion).	
Wednesday, February 27	Charles Dickens's first visit to the U.S.A. The story of the Whitman Mission.	Do Five-Paragraph Essay.
Monday, March 11	FIVE-PARAGRAPH ESSAY DUE. Background to the Civil War: key issues, events, and personalities.	
Wednesday, March 13	The Civil War.	Study for Quiz # 5.
Monday, March 18	QUIZ # 5. The Civil War, continued.	
Wednesday, March 20	Overview of the post-Civil War / Reconstruction era. IN-CLASS ESSAY # 2.	Carefully read handout on U.S. political and cultural history from Reconstruction times through the eve of World War I, AND prepare Oral Presentation.
Monday, March 25	The U.S. from Reconstruction times through the late 1800s—unit to be covered with the aid of student presentations (ORAL PRESENTATION, first round) and wrapped up with IN-CLASS ESSAY # 3.	If applicable, finish preparing Oral Presentation.
Wednesday, March 27	The U.S. from the late 1800s through the eve of World War I—unit to be covered with the aid of student presentations (ORAL PRESENTATION, second round) and wrapped up with IN-CLASS ESSAY # 4.	
Monday, April 1	The U.S. experience in World War I (including the ravages of the 1918 flu pandemic).	

Wednesday, April 3	An overview of U.S. life and politics during the “Roaring Twenties.”	Study for Quiz # 6.
Monday, April 8	QUIZ # 6. The Great Depression.	
Wednesday, April 10	The Great Depression, continued. IN-CLASS ESSAY # 5.	
Monday, April 15	The U.S. experience in World War II.	
Wednesday, April 17	The Cold War.	Study for Quiz # 7.
Monday, April 22	QUIZ # 7. An overview of U.S. politics and culture from 1945 to 1977.	Begin reviewing on your own for the Post-Test.
Wednesday, April 24	An overview of U.S. politics and culture from 1977 through 2009.	Continue reviewing on your own for Post-Test.
Monday, April 29	IN-CLASS REVIEW FOR POST-TEST.	Continue reviewing on your own for Post-Test.
Wednesday, May 1	POST-TEST!!!	

Responsibilities	
Attending Class	You cannot succeed in this class if you do not attend. We believe that intellectual growth and success in higher education occur through interaction in the classroom and laboratories. Being absent doesn't excuse you from doing class work; you have more responsibilities to keep up and meet the objectives of this course.
Turning In Your Work	You cannot succeed in this class if you do not turn in all your work on the day it is due. Extensions on written homework and on oral presentations / required discussions will be granted ONLY in case of illness, family emergency, or unavoidable conflicts due to other commitments you have for CCSJ. Please remember that extensions are not issued automatically; you must request them. <u>THERE IS A LIMIT OF TWO EXTENSIONS PER STUDENT PER SEMESTER, AND 7 DAYS IS THE MAXIMUM LENGTH FOR AN EXTENSION.</u>
CCSJ Student Honor Code	This course asks students to reaffirm the CCSJ Student Honor Code: I, as a student member of the Calumet College academic community, in accordance with the college's mission and in a spirit of mutual respect, pledge to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continuously embrace honesty and curiosity in the pursuit of my educational goals; • Avoid all behaviors that could impede or distract from the academic progress of myself or other members of my community; • Do my own work with integrity at all times, in accordance with syllabi, and without giving or receiving inappropriate aid; • Do my utmost to act with commitment, inside and outside of class, to the goals and mission of Calumet College of St. Joseph.

Using Electronic Devices	Electronic devices can only be used in class for course-related purposes (e.g., end-of-semester surveys). If you text or access the Internet for other purposes, you may be asked to leave, in which case you will be marked absent.
Participating in Class	You must be one time, stay for the whole class and speak up in a way that shows you have done the assigned reading. If you are not prepared for class, you may be asked to leave, in which case you will be marked absent.
Doing Your Own Work	<p>If you turn in work that is not your own, you will be subject to judicial review by the Student-Faculty Grievance Committee. These procedures can be found in the Student Planner. The maximum penalty for any form of academic dishonesty is dismissal from the College.</p> <p>Using standard citation guidelines to document sources avoids plagiarism. You'll find guides to the major citation methods at the CCSJ Specker Library Web page at http://www.ccsj.edu/library/subjectsplus/subjects/guide.php?subject=cite</p> <p>PLEASE NOTE: All papers may be electronically checked for plagiarism.</p>
Sharing Your Class Experience	At the end of the term, you will have the opportunity to evaluate your classroom experience. These confidential surveys are <i>essential</i> to our ongoing efforts to ensure that you have a great experience that leaves you well prepared for your future. Take the time to complete your course evaluations – we value your feedback!
Withdrawing from Class	After the last day established for class changes has passed (see the College calendar), you may withdraw from a course by following the policy outlined in the CCSJ Course Catalog.

Resources	
CCSJ Book Rental Program	The CCSJ Book Program ensures that everyone has the right course materials on the first day of class to be successful. You pay a book rental fee each semester, and in return, receive all the materials for all your classes prior to the beginning of classes. At the end of the semester, simply return the books. For traditional students, the Book Rental Program is conveniently located in the library, where students can pick up and return their books. For students in accelerated programs and graduate programs, books will be delivered to their homes and they can return them by mail. For more information, see http://www.ccsj.edu/bookstore . All books must be returned at the end of the semester or you will incur additional fees, which will be charged to your student account.
Student Success Center:	The Student Success Center provides faculty tutors at all levels to help you master specific subjects and develop effective learning skills. It is open to all students at no charge. You can contact the Student Success Center at 219 473-4287 or stop by the Library.
Disability Services:	Disability Services strives to meet the needs of all students by providing academic services in accordance with Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) guidelines. If you believe that you need a “reasonable accommodation” because of a disability, contact the Disability Services Coordinator at 219-473-4349.
Student Assistance	Through a partnership with Crown Counseling , Calumet College of St.

Program	Joseph provides a free Student Assistance Program (SAP) to current students. The SAP is a confidential counseling service provided to students for personal and school concerns which may be interfering with academic performance and/or quality of life. The SAP counselor is available on campus once a week and off-site at the Crown Counseling offices in Crown Point or Hammond. For more information, contact Kerry Knowles SAP Counselor , at 219-663-6353 (office), 219-413-3702 (cell), or kerryk@crowncounseling.org .
CCSJ Alerts:	Calumet College of St. Joseph's emergency communications system will tell you about emergencies, weather-related closings, or other incidents via text, email, or voice messages. Please sign up for this important service annually on the College's website at: http://www.ccsj.edu/alerts/index.html .