

Fall 2010 West Valley College

History 17A: United States History, Peopling of the Americas to Reconstruction, 16,000 BCE -1877

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Course Summary: This course will cover key economic, intellectual, social, political, and cultural developments in the history of the United States from the Pre-Columbian period to Reconstruction. In addition to our main text, *The American Promise, Vol. 1* we will read and write about the meanings of primary documents, such as the *Declaration of Independence*, *The Constitution of the United States*, and the class reader, *Reading the American Past*. Students will focus on acquiring the skills of critical reading, writing, and research skills in addition the analysis of historical developments of this period.

Texts: J. Roark, M. Johnson et.al. *The American Promise Vol. 1*. New York, NY: Bedford/St. Martins, 2008.

Michael P. Johnson. *Reading the American Past, Vol. 1*. New York, NY: Bedford/St. Martins, 2009.

Mary Lynn Rampolla. *The Student's Guide to Writing in History*. New York: Bedford/St. Martins, 2009

Evaluation:

- 2 Midterms (100 points/each)
- Book Review (100 points)
- Final Examination (200 points).

Student Responsibilities:

- Reading and writing are core skills in this course. Ability to take in-class essay examinations is a requirement for completion of this course.
- Students will be responsible for reading primary documents, the main text, and complete a book review (book will be chosen from list provided by the instructor).
- All due dates are firm. No make examinations (except for documented illness or family emergency). Late papers will receive a 20 point deficit.
- Students will sign a pledge of student responsibilities, on plagiarism and cheating.
- Please do not bring cell phones to class. Use in class is prohibited.

History 17A-Class Schedule (tentative and subject to change)

Midterm 1: October 6, 2010 (Section 89184); October 7, 2010 (Sections 89172, 89177, 89181)

Midterm 2: November 10, 2010 (Section 89184); November 11, 2010 (Sections 89172, 89177, 89181)

Class Holidays: Thanksgiving Weekend, November 25, 26, 2010

Book Review due: December 1, 2010 (Section 89184); December 2, 2010 (Sections 89172, 89177, 89181)

Reading Assignment Schedule:

Week 1: *The American Promise, Vol. 1 (AP)*, Chapter 1 and *Reading the American Past (RAP)*, 1-2.

Week 2: *AP*, Chapter 2/3 and *(RAP)*, Documents: 2-1, 2-4, 3-2, and 3-3. .

Week 3: *AP*: Chapter 4 and *RAP*, Documents: 4-2, 4-3, and 4-5.

Week 4: *AP*: Chapter 5 and *RAP*, Documents: 5-2, 5-3 and 5-4.

Weeks 5, 6: *AP*: Chapter 6 and *RAP*, Documents: 6-1, 6-3, and 6-5.

Week 6: *AP* Chapter 7/8 and *RAP*, Documents: 7-1, 7-2, 7-3, 8-1, and 8-5.

Week 7: *AP*: Chapter 9 and *RAP*, Documents: 9-1, 9-2, 9-4 and 9-5

Week 9: *AP*: Chapter 10 and *RAP*, Documents: 10-1, 10-2, 10-3 and 10-5.

Week 10: *AP*: Chapter 11 and *RAP*, Documents: 11-3, 11-4, and 11-5.

Week 11: *AP*: Chapter 12 and *RAP*, Documents: 12-1 12-2, and 12-3.

Week 12: *AP*: Chapter 13 and *RAP*, Documents: 13-1, 13-2, 13-4, and 13-5

Week 13: *AP*: Chapter 14 and *RAP*, Documents: 14-1, 14-2, 14-3 and 14-5

Week 14: *AP*: Chapter 15 and *RAP*, Documents: 15-1, 15-3, and 15-5

Week 15: AP: Chapter 16 and RAP, Documents 16-1, 16-2 and 16-4.

**Final Examination: Section 89184, Wednesday, December 15, 2010, 2:00-4:00pm;
Section 89172, Thursday, December 16, 2010, 9:40-11:40am; Section 89177,
Tuesday, December 14, 2010, 9:40-11:40am, Section 89181, Tuesday, December 14,
2010, 2:00-4:00pm**

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