Fall 2010 West Valley College

History 17BFri: United States History-Reconstruction to present times, 1877-present.
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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 in the period of Reconstruction to contemporary times. In addition to our main text, *The American Promise Vol.2*, we will read and write about the meanings of primary documents in *Reading the American Past, Vol.2*. Students will focus on acquiring the skills of critical reading, writing, and research skills in addition of historical analysis of the developments in this period.


Evaluation:
- 2 Midterms (take home) (100 points/each)
- Book Review (100 points)
- Final Examination (200 points).

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Student Responsibilities:

- Reading and writing are core skills in this course. The 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.
- No make-up 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 17B-Class Schedule (tentative and subject to change)

Midterm 1: Friday, October 1, 2010

Midterm 2: Friday, November 5, 2010

Class Holidays: Friday, November 12, 2010; Thanksgiving weekend, November 25, 26, 2010

Book Review due: Friday, December 3, 2010

Reading Assignment Schedule:

Week 1: AP: Chapter 17 RAP, Documents: 17-1, 17-4, and 17-5


Week 4: AP: Chapter 21, RAP, Documents: 21-1, 21-3, and 21-5

Week 5: AP: Chapter 22, RAP, Documents: 22-1, 22-2, 22-4 and 22-5.


Week 7: AP: Chapter 24, RAP, Documents: 24-1, 24-2 and 24-5.


Week 9: AP: Chapter 26, RAP, Documents: 26-1, 26-3, 26-4 and 26-5


Week 13: AP: Chapter 29, RAP, Documents: 29-1, 29-2, 29-3, and 29-5

Week 14: AP: Chapter 30, RAP, Documents: 30-1, 30-2, and 30-4.


Final Exam: Friday, December 17, 2010 @ 9:40-11:40am

Please check West Valley College website for Final Examination schedule changes, www.westvalley.edu

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