

**SOUTH PLAINS COLLEGE DUAL CREDIT & KPA SPRING '26 SEMESTER
HISTORY 1301.328 MR. BILL WEST COURSE SYLLABUS**

HISTORY OF THE U.S. FROM PRE-COLONIAL TIMES TO 1877

Required Text: Land of Hope: An Invitation to the Great American Story. Wilfred M. McClay
Scripture: Daniel 2:21. "It is He who changes the times and epochs: He removes kings and establishes kings; He gives wisdom to wise men and knowledge to men of understanding."

Course Purpose: To acquaint students with the panorama of American history, and to promote critical thinking in interrelating the past to the present. The course promotes an understanding of a body of knowledge that any American citizen should possess about the history of his own country.

Course Description: This course is a survey of American history which is intended to help the student to become a responsible citizen of the United States by instilling a sense of pride in our nation and gaining a deeper understanding of the core principles of the founding fathers. These will also include the virtues of courage, honor, moderation, and prudence; examples of which can be seen in our founding fathers.

Course Requirements:

1. There will be 9 basic grades, 4-7 intermediate grades, and 2-4 major grades given in each of the four parts of the course.
2. We will have short writing assignments analyzing primary source documents.
3. You will have outside readings covering the various topics in U.S. history.
4. You will read the textbook.
5. We will have quizzes over the readings, lectures, presentations, and the textbook.
6. WE will have discussions over the reading materials and the assigned textbook.
7. We will have exams covering the four segments of the course.
8. Homework: Homework will consist of short reading and writing assignments
9. Grading: We will have exams over the four segments of the course at a rate of one or two exams per segment. Exams may consist of 20-30 questions: Multiple choices, True-False, and Matching. There will be six short answer questions, answer three. There will be two essay questions, answer only one. Exams will count 45% of the class grade. Quizzes will count 35% of the class grade. Homework/Discussion/Daily Work will count 20% of the class grade. Homework is due on the date assigned. Points will be deducted for each day late. Short writing assignments are completed in class and counted as a daily grade.
10. Course Outline:
 - Part One. August- October: One Long Story: 0. The U.S. Constitution 1. Beginnings. 2. Shaping of British North America.
 - Part Two. October – December: Building A Nation: 3. Revolution of Self Rule. 4. A War, A Nation, and a Wound. 5. The Experiment Begins
 - Part Three. January – March. An Expanding Nation: 6. From Jefferson to Jackson. 7. The Culture of Democracy. 8. The Old South and Slavery.
 - Part Four. March – May. 9. A House Divided and Rebuilt: 9. The Gathering Storm. 10. The House Divides. 11. The Ordeal of Reconstruction.
11. Final Exams. The final is comprehensive.

12. You are expected to follow the rules and guidelines as set forth by South Plains College and the KPA Student Code of Conduct.