History 2112 is a survey course that offers an introduction to the development and growth of the United States of America from the period following its brutal civil war to the present time. Students will discuss the persons, events and ideas that have shaped the United States during this period with an emphasis on meaning and application. Students will hone their argumentation and writing skills.

Course Objectives:

1. Identification of major events in US History
2. Critical thinking about those events from different perspectives
3. Development of arguments ascribing meaning and significance, in context, for those events
4. Enhancement of writing and communication skills through written presentation of developed arguments

Required Books:


Attendance:

Class attendance is required. Attendance will be taken for each class period. All absences will need to be approved, in advance, by the instructor. Emergency absences will require proof of the emergency before the absence can be considered excused. Attendance will be taken into consideration when calculating final grades.

*It will be the student’s responsibility to keep up to date with what is going on in class. Each student will be responsible for class discussions and all changes to the class schedule and assignments.*
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Grading:

Each student’s grade will be based upon two parts:

- **Exams** – Will focus on both an understanding of the basic underlying facts of history as well as a demonstration of analytical skills. Exams will be online and comprised of multiple choice questions.
- **Argumentative Essay** – Students will have final essay with a length of 3 – 5 pages. Students will need to demonstrate an understanding and use of the historical, argumentative style of writing. The instructor will give students information and instruction on this style of writing during the semester.

The final grade will be based upon the following formula:

Exams – 70%
Argumentative Essay – 30%

Deportment:

Each student will be required to show proper respect for the views and arguments of his/her fellow students. Our class will involve discussion of persons, events and ideas that can be viewed and interpreted from different perspectives. I strongly encourage each student to develop and make arguments related to US History as long as they are formed from evidence and reasoning. We will not all agree, but we will all agree to disagree respectfully.

**Important notice:** Though I recognized the growing importance computers play in everyday life, no electronic devices of any kind are allowed in the classroom. This includes laptop computers, iPods, cell phones, etc. These devices have shown themselves to be sources of distraction and disruption of class time.