

## **B. C. C. C. HISTORY OF THE UNITED STATES – 1 - HIST. 151-FALL-2009**

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ALL REQUIRED CLASS WORK IS ON MY WEB SITE <<http://www.bucks.edu/~bunkinm>>

### 1. **GOALS**

To stress the human phenomenon, i.e. our evolving value structure. To demonstrate that past and present are intimately related in meaning, therefore to show that present concerns come into perspective when visualized within the framework of historical time. To stimulate further reading, thinking and debating about the past, present and future of the United States of America.

### 2. **TEXT**

Carnes & Garraty, American Destiny (Vol.I, 3<sup>RD</sup> ed.), 2008.

### 3. **GRADING**

**One third (1/3)** of your course mark will be based on 5 REACTION PAPERS and weekly CHAPTER REVIEW FORMS. Full credit will be given ONLY if work is completed properly.

**REACTION PAPERS:** If your paper is properly completed you will earn FULL CREDIT (100) for it. If your paper is not properly completed you will earn NO CREDIT (-20%) for it from this part of your course mark. To earn credit for a Reaction Paper you **MUST**:

- 1-Type a paper of 4 sides (1 per page). **Staple** cover sheet to paper.  
Sloppy, illegible papers will earn no credit (-20%).
- 2-Have a Reaction Paper which is carefully and intelligently thought out. I expect perfect spelling, perfect grammar, **college-level writing** and a neat format.
- 3-Have paper completely footnoted. It **MUST** have a bibliography. Use two (2) sources for quotes minimum. One quoted source **MUST** be your required textbook. 1/3 of your paper **MUST** be footnoted source material containing **at least 5** footnoted statements and 2/3 of your paper must be your own analysis
- 4-Submit paper in class on "due date."
- 5-Be present to share your point of view.

**CHAPTER REVIEW FORMS:** A short CHAPTER REVIEW FORM is due every Monday. Failure to hand in a CHAPTER REVIEW FORM will result in a -1% reduction from this part of your course mark.

**SOCIAL SCIENCES CLUB TRIPS:** You may substitute one REACTION PAPER one time for two(2) Social Sciences Club trips. See teacher for details.

**Two thirds (2/3)** of your course mark will be based on two tests worth 1/3 each. 1/3 of each test will be multiple choice. 2/3 of each test will be a take home essay.

\*\*\*\***Test #1** Given on October 16 - Essay portion will be collected on 10/23.

\*\*\*\***Test #2** Essay given on December 7- Multiple choice given and essay portion collected on December 14.

**(YOU MUST INCLUDE A LARGE STAMPED, ADDRESSED ENVELOPE).**

### 4. **MAKE-UP POLICY**

One unexcused absence is permitted. Each additional UNEXCUSED absence equals a drop of five (5) points PER HOUR from your course grade. Tests may be made up ONLY in an emergency and ONLY IF ABSENT STUDENT PHONES IN ON TEST DATE TO LEAVE A MESSAGE AT (215) 968 8275. You may also E-mail me at < [bunkinm@bucks.edu](mailto:bunkinm@bucks.edu) >. If an emergency arises, a Reaction Paper may be sent by "Certified Mail" and will ONLY be accepted if envelope is postmarked on "due date." Mail to: M. Bunkin, Bucks County Community College, 275 Swamp Rd. Newtown, PA 18940.

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### 5. **OFFICE HOURS-PENN HALL 207**

Monday-----8:30AM to 9:00 AM and 1:00 PM to 2:30 PM.

Wednesday-8:30AM to 9:00 AM and 1:00 PM to 2:00 PM.

Friday-----8:30AM to 9:00 AM and 1:00 PM to 2:00 PM.

Messages may be left at 968-8275 or [bunkinm@bucks.edu](mailto:bunkinm@bucks.edu)  
or Social Sciences Department Office in Penn Hall 301.

**\*\*\* PLEASE NOTE \*\*\***

You **MUST** keep a duplicate copy of all work you hand in. Do not throw out any work until final mark is received from the College. It is your responsibility to understand the U.S. Constitution. It is your responsibility to keep informed day-by-day about national news.

**Disability Accommodations:**

In compliance with the Bucks County Community College policy and equal access laws, appropriate academic accommodations can be made for students eligible for such support. Students are encouraged to register with the Disability Services Office (215-968-8463) to verify their eligibility for appropriate accommodations. Please speak to your instructor about any requests for academic accommodations or other concerns as early in the semester as possible.

**Cheating & Plagiarism:**

I strictly enforce the College's cheating and plagiarism policy and will automatically fail any student on any assignment when a student cheats or plagiarizes on tests or papers. I have zero tolerance and will not accept any excuses. Please see me if you do not understand what plagiarism is. Here is the College definition from the BCCC catalogue:

The expectation at Bucks County Community College is that the principles of truth and honesty will be rigorously followed in all academic endeavors. This assumes that all work will be done by the person who purports to do the work without unauthorized aids. In addition, when making use of language and some idea not his or her own, whether quoting them directly or paraphrasing them into his or her own words, the student must attribute the source of the material in some standard form, such as naming the source in the text or offering a footnote.

(Source: BCCC Catalog, College Policy Regarding Cheating and Plagiarism)

**Use of Electronic Devices**

Use of any type of electronic communication device without explicit permission of the teacher will result in a failing grade for the course. Cell phone use for text messaging or speaking is prohibited unless permission is given by teacher due to a serious personal issue. Use of lap top computers is prohibited unless special permission is given by teacher due to special needs.

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<b>READING ASSIGNMENTS</b>		
<b>WEEK OF</b>	<b>TOPIC</b>	<b>READINGS</b>
August 26	Alien Encounters.	Prologue + Chapter 1
31	Alien Encounters.	Prologue + Chapter 1
September 9	American Society in the Making	Chapter 2
14	America in the British Empire	Chapter 3
21	America in the British Empire	Chapter 3
28	The American Revolution	Chapter 4
October 5	The American Revolution-Federalist Era	Chapter 4,5
12	Federalist Era-Jeffersonian Democracy ( <b>TEST #1-10/16</b> )	Chapters 5-6
19	National Growing Pains	Chapter 7
26	National Economy-Jacksonian Democracy	Chapters 8-9
November 2	Westward Expansion	Chapter 11
9	Westward Expansion	Chapter 11
16	The Sections Go Their Ways	Chapter 12
23	The Coming of the Civil War	Chapter 13

December 7	The Civil War	(TEST #2-12/7 (essay))	Chapter 15
14	Severing the Bonds of the Union	(TEST #2 Multiple choice)	
14	(Hand in essay portion of TEST #2 with a stamped, addressed envelope)		

**REACTION PAPERS****DUE DATE****TOPIC**

- Sept. 9 Define what the term "**The American Way of Life**" means to you economically, socially and politically. Positive or negative? Use specific, **present-day** examples(1970-2005) as proof.
- Sept. 21 American officials at the Continental Congress (meeting in Philadelphia) had major disagreements with each other about policy from 1774 until July 1776. Describe these disagreements in detail. Which point of view was most rational? Why?
- Oct. 5 What were the two biggest disagreements members of the Constitutional Convention in Philadelphia had in 1787? How were these disagreements overcome?
- Nov. 13 Was slavery economically essential to America's survival prior to 1860?
- Dec. 4 Historians claim that certain governments in the past have been guilty of "genocide." Will they ever be able to validly claim this about the U.S.A. from 1776 to 1870? Yes? No? Proof? Choose 2 Indian tribes to prove your point.

**NOTE:** All papers **MUST** be footnoted. 2 different sources for quotes minimum. Text **MUST** be one source. Approximately 1/3 of your paper must be source material containing a minimum of **5** footnoted statements and 2/3 your analysis.

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