Course Description and Objective

The objective of the study of history is the analysis and interpretation of the past. Within this context, this course will provide students with the opportunity to examine the events and circumstances of the past from the perspective of the present. By engaging in this process, students ultimately will learn to synthesize both historical events and the works of respected historians, thereby creating their own evaluation and interpretation of the past.

The discipline of history is about reading many various sources to obtain an understanding of an era. In addition to a thorough understanding of assigned readings in the text, the instructor expects a meticulous examination of any and all handouts distributed during class. The importance of close examinations of all reading materials cannot be overstated.

Written exercises, sometimes called exams, will consist of short answer and essay questions over the materials covered in class. The written exercises are always worth 10 points when added together your discussion board participation grade will total 100 points. If you choose not to participate in more than 10 discussions during the semester, each additional discussion session you complete will be considered to participate in more than 10 discussions during the semester, each additional discussion session you complete will be considered.

Writing Exercises

Within every exercise, opinionated comments, will count as start answer and essay questions over the covered course materials, which will be graded on quality and correctness. Any written exercise not taken will receive an automatic zero.

Discussion Board

Every student will participate in a discussion-board session. Students must make one initial posting of at least 150 words to the discussion board about a topic addressed in the class. Each initial discussion board response will be worth 100 points. Each subsequent post will be worth 10 points. For each additional discussion session you complete, your discussion participation grade will be calculated.