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IMPERIAL VALLEY COLLEGE
COURSE OUTLINE HISTORY 121 Fast Track

I Course Description and Methods

History 121 introduces the student to the major movements, ideas, people and events of US history since 1865. Students will learn to recognize the interrelatedness of past and present, as expressed in the political, economic, and social questions that surface again and again. Writing and analyzing history is emphasized. You will be learning both the contents of history and the process of writing history.

Student Learning Objectives: Upon completion of this course, the student will be able to evaluate oral and written information by studying the pros and cons of historical issues, and present information persuasively and confidently on Modern United States History issues. (ISO 1, 2, 3).

Students with disabilities should contact the DSPS Office on campus for assistance.

- II Required Reading: Faragher, et al, Out of Many, Brief Sixth Ed., Vol. 2, 2012
Villasenor, Victor, Rain of Gold, Dell Pub., 1991

III Course requirements: See course content and reading list. Reading should be done prior to class. Class lectures will not be a rehash of text readings.

Tests: Four exams will be given based on lectures and reading assignments. Tests are both objective and essay, graded primarily on historical content. Note: It is possible to pass the exams and still fail the course if you do not turn in the additional assignments.

Family History: You must complete a typewritten family history. See separate handout.

Debates: You will participate in one group debate during the semester. You will be graded on an oral presentation, written summary, and your

performance debating the other team. You will choose a topic during the first week of class.

Class Participation: In addition to the Faragher text, *Rain of Gold* will be read and discussed each week. You can earn points toward your grade by reading the assigned sections, doing the writing assignments and joining in class discussions. You will lose points if you are not prepared. You may also bring to class historical items over fifty years old: coins, photos, newspapers, etc. Current Internet articles on the USA are also acceptable. By popular request, historical recipes may be prepared and shared with the class. Whatever you choose, you should provide the class with a brief history of the item, explain where you obtained it, and pass it around the class.

Class participation grades are as follows:

3 or less absences = 70 points

3 or less absences and 2 -4 items = 80 points

3 or less absences and 4-6 items = 90 points

All of the above plus regular contributions to class discussions = 100 points

Grading: Tests: = 400 points

Family History = 100 points

Debate = 100 points

Writing Assignments and

Class Participation = 100 points

Total = 700 points

Scale for semester grades: 631-700 = A

561-630 = B

491-560 = C

421-490 = D

0 - 420 = F

IV Class Attendance and Behavior: There are no excused absences in college classes except administrative field trips and athletic events. From time to time it may be necessary to miss a class; however, you are

responsible for material covered in your absence. If you are absent for the debate that you are scheduled to participate in, you will receive a zero grade on the assignment. Make up exams (one) require prior approval and are 100% essay, given at the end of the semester. When you exceed the allowable number of absences (3 hours or one class per semester) you will be dropped. Roll will be taken using a seating chart. If you arrive late to class and have not already made arrangements with the instructor, you may not be admitted. Disruptions of class such as talking, texting, or eating are distracting to other students and to the instructor. You will be asked to leave class. Arriving to class late and early departures will negatively affect your class participation grade for the semester.

V Cheating and Plagiarism: Cheating and plagiarism will not be permitted. To use another writer's work as your own is stealing. Whenever you use a source, for other than common knowledge, you must include a bibliography and proper academic citations. Plagiarism is a serious academic offense resulting in a failing grade and dismissal from IVC. For a complete explanation of this topic, read "Acknowledging Your Sources," on two hour reserve in the IVC library. A bibliography is required on all work submitted for a grade.

VI Course Outline:

READING

1. Conquest and Survival

Faragher, Ch. 18
Historical Introduction

2. Production and Consumption

Faragher, Ch. 19
Rain of Gold, Foreward,

Pages 1-50

3. Democracy and Empire

Faragher, Ch. 20
Rain of Gold, 51-100

4. Urban America

Faragher, Ch. 21
Rain of Gold, 101-150

5. A Global Power	Faragher, Ch. 22 Rain of Gold, 151-200
6 Roaring Twenties	Faragher Ch. 23 Rain of Gold, 201-250
7. The Great Depression	Faragher Ch. 24 Rain of Gold, 251-300
8. World War II	Faragher Ch. 25 Rain Of Gold 301-350
9. The Cold War	Faragher, Ch. 26 Rain of Gold 351-400
10. America at Midcentury	Faragher, Ch. 27 Rain of Gold , 401-450
11. The Civil Rights Movement	Faragher, Ch. 28 Rain of Gold 451-500
12. War Abroad and at Home	Faragher, Ch. 29 Rain of Gold 501-550
13. Conservative Ascendancy	Faragher, Ch 30 Rain of Gold 551-end
14. The Global Age	Faragher, Ch. 31 Villasenor, Author's Notes

FINAL EXAM

FAMILY HISTORY DUE December 3, 2012