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CHAMINADE UNIVERSITY
WINTER EVENING SEMESTER, 2000
HISTORY 201 AMERICA: BEGINNING THROUGH THE CIVIL WAR
FORD ISLAND, MON-WED, 4:45-6:55
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ORGANIZATION: This course consists of 20 classes on Monday and Wednesday evenings from January 10th to March 22th. Classes begin at 4:45 p.m. and end at 7:55 p.m. The format of the course is lecture but there will be film presentations and some class discussions.

GRADES: Your grade for this course will be determined by your performance on the mid-term and final examinations and on your paper. The mid-term will count for 35%, the paper for 20% and the final for 45%. However, your final exam will be given greater consideration should it demonstrate substantial improvement over your mid-term.

Each exam will consist of essay questions that will require you to write a series of paragraphs consisting of complete sentences. Please bring paper, preferably 8 1/2" x 11", to the exams. If you would like to have your final returned, please bring a self-addressed stamped envelope. Your grade for the course will be written on your final examination paper. No one will pass the course unless both examinations and the research paper are completed.

ATTENDANCE: The policy of the University is that attendance be taken. The instructor will adhere to that policy. In addition, it is virtually impossible to be successful in this course without attending the classes.

PROCEDURES: Please feel free to ask questions at any time during the classes. The use of sound recorders is strongly discouraged as they will inhibit your academic development.

TEXT: The American People, Volume I: To 1877, Brief Edition, Nash, et al

PAPER: Write a review of one of the three (3) parts of the text. Do not simply regurgitate the contents of the text but explain what you learned from it.

GENERAL OVERVIEW: A survey of American development from 1607 to 1877. Political, economic and social foundations of institutions and cultures which still exercise an influence in the modern nation are stressed.

- Jan 10: Course introduction; European background
- Jan 12: Founding the English colonies
- Jan 19: The period of salutary neglect
- Jan 24: The American Revolution
- Jan 26: The War for Independence; the Confederation period
- Jan 31: The U. S. Constitution
- Feb 2: Washington's administration
- Feb 7: John Adams; the election of 1800
- Feb 9: The administrations of Thomas Jefferson and James Madison; the War of 1812
- Feb 14: Mid-term
- Feb 16: The era of good feelings; the Missouri Compromise
- Feb 23: Sectional issues; the Election of 1824
- Feb 28: The Jacksonian Era
- Mar 1: Reforms; Slavery
- Mar 6: Texas; Oregon
- Mar 8: The Compromise of 1850; Kansas-Nebraska; Brooks-Sumner
- Mar 13: The Election of 1856; Dred Scott; Lincoln-Douglas
- Mar 15: John Brown; Election of 1860; Secession winter
- Mar 20: The Civil War, Reconstruction
- Mar 22: Final