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CHAMINADE UNIVERSITY
WINTER EVENING SEMESTER, 2000
HISTORY 301: EARLY AMERICA
TRIPLER, FRIDAY, 5:30-9:40
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ORGANIZATION: This course consists of 10 classes on Friday evenings as outlined below. Classes begin at 5:30 p.m. and end at 9:40 p.m. The format of the course is lecture, but there will be individual 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 research paper. The mid-term and paper will account for 30% each and the final will count for 40%. 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.

TEXT: Evolution and Revolution, American Society 1600-1820, Henretta and Nobles

ATTENDANCE: University regulations require that attendance be taken and that instances of two (2) consecutive unexcused/unreported absences be reported to the Dean. This policy will be followed. 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.

GENERAL OVERVIEW: American history from 1492 to 1815, analyzing the formation and growth of European colonies in America, their break with the British Empire and the formation of the United States of America.

- Jan 14: Course introduction; European background.
- Jan 21: Founding the English colonies; The period of Salutary Neglect.
- Jan 28: The American Revolution.
- Feb 4: The War for Independence.
- Feb 11: Mid-term: The Confederation period.
- Feb 18: The U. S. Constitution; Washington's administration.
- Feb 25: The administration of John Adams; The election of 1800.
- Mar 3: The administration of Thomas Jefferson; James Madison and the War of 1812.
- Mar 10: The Era of Good Feelings.
- Mar 17: Final

Research Paper: The purpose of this assignment is to expand your horizons and allow you to pursue an area of particular interest and express your interpretation. You may select any topic within the scope of this course. It is preferred that you consult sources with conflicting interpretations. The paper should be a minimum of three (4) pages. The paper is due on or before March 10.