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Course Guide – HST 213 (U. S. History I)

Course Description

This course is a study of United States history from its founding through post-North/South War Reconstruc-tion. Students also complete a study of Captain John Smith, answering in MLA format 30 questions on a reading of approximately 40,000 words.

Required Text:

*The Politically Incorrect Guide to U. S. History*, Dr. Thomas Woods

*American History Retold: Book I – John Smith: America’s First European Hero*, Tim McNeese

Content (List of Principal Topics):

Unit 1: Ancient, British, and other influences on U. S. political thought

Unit 2: English migrations to America, colonial origins of American liberty

Unit 3: Factors leading up to the American Revolution, the American Revolution

Unit 4: America and the “Principles of ‘98”

Unit 5: The “American System,” slavery

Unit 6: Political parties, Compact vs. Nationalist Theory

Unit 7: North/South division and war

Unit 8: Reconstruction

Other Content:

American History-related audio-visuals, including news/historical film clips, radio addresses, paintings, filmed lectures, articles, short films/documentaries, podcasts, and photographs

Course Learning Outcomes:

1. Evaluate historical sources.
2. Research U. S. history topics and prepare to discuss them in class.
3. Demonstrate understanding of various U. S. historical events, persons, and movements.
4. Think critically about U. S. history and apply critical thinking to other subjects.
5. Communicate effectively orally and in writing about U. S. history topics.
6. Demonstrate understanding of constitutional amendments and their impact.
7. Work in groups to produce solutions and answers to topical questions, and communicate those ideas in writing and orally.
8. Obtain a picture of God’s working through events in U. S. history.

**Grading scale:**

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| 90-100% | A |
| 80-89.99% | B |
| 70-79.99% | C |
| 60-69.99% | D |
| 0-59.99% | F |