## General Course Information

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<td>Instructor:</td>
<td>Dr. John W. Gorman</td>
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<td>Section # and CRN:</td>
<td>History 1313 Z02 - 32246</td>
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<td>Office Location:</td>
<td>WOOL 204C</td>
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<td>Office Phone:</td>
<td>936-261-2554</td>
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<td>Email Address:</td>
<td><a href="mailto:jwgorman@pvamu.edu">jwgorman@pvamu.edu</a></td>
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<td>Office Hours:</td>
<td>11:00AM – 2:00PM Virtual Zoom Meeting Room (See Zoom Course Module on Canvas)</td>
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<td>Catalog Description:</td>
<td>This course covers American development from the era of discovery to the close of the Civil War. This course includes modules on the following topics: the colonial era; the young republic; westward expansion; and sectionalism; Civil War, and Reconstruction.</td>
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<td>Prerequisites:</td>
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<td>Required Text(s):</td>
<td>Text: U.S. History by OpenStax Authors: P. SCOTT CORBETT, VOLKER JANSSEN, JOHN M. LUND, TODD PFANNESTIEL, and PAUL VICKERY ISBN: 978-1506698151 To access online: <a href="http://cnx.org/content/col11740/1.3">http://cnx.org/content/col11740/1.3</a> To order print copy: <a href="https://www.amazon.com/dp/1938168364">https://www.amazon.com/dp/1938168364</a> Students may also access the Textbook directly through the module chapter reading links in Canvas Slavery and the Founders: Race and Liberty in the Age of Jefferson by Paul Finkelman What They Fought For, 1861-1865 by James McPherson</td>
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## Student Learning Outcomes:

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Upon successful completion of this course, students will be able to:

1. Learn basic facts of American history
2. Be better able to think critically, recognize change over time, and demonstrate an understanding how actions have consequences  

T,R 3

3. Relate present-day issues and experiences to those of the past, in order to provide a better basis for appreciating challenges and possibilities of contemporary times  

T, R 3

4. Supplement knowledge of sources and methods of learning American history  

R 5

5. Develop a global perspective by recognizing and remarking upon relationships between domestic and foreign affairs  

T,R 2

Major Course Requirements

Method of Determining Final Course Grade

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Grading Criteria and Conversion: Based on a 100 % scale
A = 90+
B = 80-89
C = 70-79
D = 60-69
F = 59 -

Detailed Description of Major Assignments: [Describe each assignment valued at 10% of grade or more]

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<td>1. Lecture Exams</td>
<td>There are two major exams for the semester and each will be worth 100 points. Lecture exams will count for 30 percent of your total grade</td>
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<td>2. Discussion Forums</td>
<td>During the course of the semester students will need to submit all 7 discussions worth 4.29% EACH AND 30% of the Final Course Grade. In Each discussion Forum students will need to answer only one question of the questions listed in the forum instructions (250 words minimum 6 points max) and respond to two other posts (50 words minimum for participation point-- 100 to 150 for content point. 2 points max for each reply)!</td>
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<td>The collaborative writing assignment in this course will consist of one Document based book Precis. The Precis will count 20% toward the student's final course grade. Since this is a collaborative activity, you will complete this activity as part of a group. Groups should consist of at least 2 members but no more than 3 (points will be deducted for submitting the assignment without partners or with more than 3 partners. Further details provided later in the course syllabus</td>
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Course Procedures or Additional Instructor Policies

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[NOTE: If there are any special instructions relating to assignment submissions, formatting, or other course policies, they should be included here. Include individual policies on tardiness, cell phones, and other class disruptions. If you have additional classroom rules that do not fit on a single page, consider posting them in eCourses instead.]

Student Support and Success

John B. Coleman Library
The library and its partners have as their mission to provide resources and instructional material in support of the evolving curriculum, as a partner in Prairie View A&M University's mission of teaching, research, and service and to support the University's core values of access and quality, diversity, leadership, relevance, and social responsibility through emphasis on ten key areas of service. It maintains library collections and access both on campus, online, and through local agreements to further the educational goals of students and faculty. Phone: 936-261-1500; Website: J. B. Coleman Library.

Academic Advising Services
Academic Advising Services offers students a variety of services that contributes to student success and leads towards graduation. We assist students with understanding university policies and procedures that affect academic progress. We support the early alert program to help students get connected to success early in the semester. We help refer students to the appropriate academic support services when the student is unsure of the best resource for their needs. Some students are supported by faculty advisors in their respective colleges. Your faculty advisor can be identified in PantherTracks. Advisors with Academic Advising Services are available to all students. We are located across campus. You can find your advisor's location by academic major at the Academic Advising Website. Phone: 936-261-5911.

The University Tutoring Center
The University Tutoring Center (UTC) offers free tutoring and academic support to all registered PVAMU students. The mission of the UTC is to help provide a solid academic foundation that enables students to become confident, capable, independent learners. Competent and caring staff and peer tutors guide students in identifying, acquiring, and enhancing the knowledge, skills, and attitudes needed to reach their desired goals. Tutoring and academic support is offered face-to-face in the UTC, in virtual face-to-face sessions, and through online sessions at PVPlace. Other support services available for students include Supplemental Instruction, Study Break, Academic Success Workshops, and Algebra Study Jam. Location: J. B. Coleman Library, Rm. 307; Phone: 936-261-1561; Email: pvtutoring@pvamu.edu; Website: University Tutoring Center.

The Writing Center
The Writing Center provides well-trained peer tutors that assist students with writing assignments at any stage of the writing process. Tutors help students with various writing tasks from understanding assignments, brainstorming, drafting, revising, editing, researching, and integrating sources. Students have free access to Grammarly online writing assistance. Grammarly is an automated proofreading and plagiarism detection tool. Student must register for Grammarly by using their student email address. In addition, students have access to face-to-face as well as virtual
tutoring services either asynchronously via email or synchronously via Zoom. Location: J. B. Coleman Library, Rm. 209; Phone: 936-261-3724; Website: [The Writing Center](#); [Grammarly Registration](#).

**Academic Early Alert**

Academic Early Alert is a proactive system of communication and collaboration between faculty, academic advisors, and PVAMU students that is designed to support student success by promptly identifying issues and allowing for intervention. Academic Early Alert helps students by providing a central location to schedule advising appointments, view advisor contact information, and request assistance. Students who recognize that they have a problem that is negatively affecting their academic performance or ability to continue school may self-refer an Academic Early Alert. To do so, students will log in to PVPlace and click on Academic Early Alert on the left sidebar. Phone: 936-261-5902; Website: [Academic Early Alert](#).

**Student Counseling Services**

The Student Counseling Services unit offers a range of services and programs to assist students in maximizing their potential for success: short-term individual, couples, and group counseling, as well as crisis intervention, outreach, consultation, and referral services. The staff is licensed by the State of Texas and provides assistance to students who are dealing with academic skills concerns, situational crises, adjustment problems, and emotional difficulties. Information shared with the staff is treated confidentially and in accordance with Texas State Law. Location: Hobart Taylor, 2nd floor; Phone: 936-261-3564; Website: [Student Counseling Services](#).

**Office of Testing Services**

Testing Services serves to create opportunities by offering suite of exams that aid in the students’ academic and professional success. Currently we administer entrance (HESI A2), college readiness (TSI assessment), Prior Learning (CLEP, DSST), and proctored exams. Location: Wilhelmina Delco, 3rd Floor, Rm. 305; Phone: 936-261-3627; Email: aetesting@pvamu.edu; Website: [Testing Services](#).

**Office of Diagnostic Testing and Disability Services**

The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) is a federal anti-discrimination statute that provides comprehensive civil rights protection for persons with disabilities. Among other things, this legislation requires that all students with disabilities be guaranteed a learning environment that provides for reasonable accommodation of their disabilities. If you believe you have a disability requiring an accommodation, contact the Office of Disability Services. As a federally-mandated educational support unit, the Office of Disability Services serves as the repository for confidential disability files for faculty, staff, and students. For persons with a disability, the Office develops individualized ADA letters of request for accommodations. Other services include: learning style inventories, awareness workshops, accessibility pathways, webinars, computer laboratory with adapted hardware and software, adapted furniture, proctoring of non-standardized test administrations, ASL interpreters, ALDs, digital recorders, livescribe, and a comprehensive referral network across campus and the broader community. Location: Hobart Taylor, Rm. 1D128; Phone: 936-261-3583; Website: [Disability Services](#).

**Center for Instructional Innovation and Technology Services (CIITS)**

Distance Learning, also referred to as Distance Education, is the employment of alternative instructional delivery methods to extend programs and services to persons unable to attend college in the traditional manner. The Center for Instructional Innovation and Technology Services (CIITS) supports student learning through online, hybrid, web-assisted and 2-way video course delivery. For more details and contact information, visit: [CIITS Student Webpage](#); Phone: 936-261-3283.

**Veteran Affairs**

Veteran Services works with student veterans, current military and military dependents to support their transition to the college environment and continued persistence to graduation. The Office coordinates and certifies benefits for both the G.I. Bill and the Texas Hazlewood Act. Location: Evans Hall, Rm. 102; Phone: 936-261-3563; Website: [Veteran Affairs](#).

**Office for Student Engagement**

The Office for Student Engagement delivers comprehensive programs and services designed to meet the curricular needs of students. The Office implements inclusive and accessible programs and services that enhance student development through exposure to and participation in diverse and relevant social, cultural, intellectual,
recreational, community service, leadership development and campus governance. Location: Memorial Student Center, Rm. 221; Phone: 936-261-1340; Website: Office for Student Engagement.

Career Services
Career Services supports students through professional development, career readiness, and placement and employment assistance. The Office provides one-on-one career coaching, interview preparation, resume and letter writing, and career exploration workshops and seminars. Services are provided for students at the Northwest Houston Center and College of Nursing in the Medical Center twice a month or on a requested basis. Distance Learning students are encouraged to visit the Career Services website for information regarding services provided. Location: Anderson Hall, 2nd floor; Phone: 936-261-3570; Website: Career Services.

University Rules and Procedures

Academic Misconduct (See Student Planner)
You are expected to practice academic honesty in every aspect of this course and all other courses. Make sure you are familiar with your Student Planner, especially the section on academic misconduct (see University Administrative Guidelines on Academic Integrity). Students who engage in academic misconduct are subject to university disciplinary procedures. As listed in the PVAMU Undergraduate Catalog, Graduate Catalog, and the Student Planner, the following are examples of prohibited conduct. This list is not designed to be all-inclusive or exhaustive. In addition to academic sanctions, any student found to have committed or to have attempted to commit the following academic misconduct may also be subject to disciplinary review and action as outlined in the PVAMU Student Planner.

Forms of Academic Dishonesty:

1. **Cheating:** Deception in which a student misrepresents that he/she has mastered information on an academic exercise that he/she has not learned, giving or receiving aid unauthorized by the instructor on assignments or examinations. Examples: unauthorized use of notes for a test; using a “cheat sheet” on a quiz or exam; any alteration made on a graded test or exam which is then resubmitted to the teacher.

2. **Plagiarism:** Careless or deliberate use of the work or the ideas of another; representation of another’s work, words, ideas, or data as your own without permission or appropriate acknowledgment. Examples: copying another’s paper or answers, failure to identify information or essays from the Internet and submitting or representing it as your own; submitting an assignment which has been partially or wholly done by another and claiming it as yours; not properly acknowledging a source which has been summarized or paraphrased in your work; failure to acknowledge the use of another’s words with quotation marks.

3. **Multiple Submission:** Submission of work from one course to satisfy a requirement in another course without explicit permission. Example: using a paper prepared and graded for credit in one course to fulfill a requirement and receive credit in a different course.

4. **Conspiracy:** Agreeing with one or more persons to commit an act of academic/scholastic dishonesty.

5. **Fabrication of Information/Forgery:** Use or submission of contrived, invented, forged, or altered information in any assignment, laboratory exercise, or test; tampering with or production of a counterfeit document, particularly documents which make up the student’s academic record. Examples: making up a source or citing nonexistent publication or article; representing made up data as real for an experiment in a science laboratory class; forging a change of grade or student withdrawal record; falsifying any document related to a student academic exercise.

Nonacademic Misconduct (See Student Planner)
The University respects the rights of instructors to teach and students to learn. Maintenance of these rights requires campus conditions that do not impede their exercise. Campus behavior that interferes with either (1) the instructor’s ability to conduct the class, or (2) the ability of students to benefit from the instructional program, or (3) the rights of others will not be tolerated. An individual engaging in such disruptive behavior may be subject to disciplinary action. Such incidents will be adjudicated by the Office for Student Conduct under nonacademic procedures.

Sexual Misconduct
Sexual harassment of students and employees at Prairie View A&M University is unacceptable and will not be tolerated. Any member of the university community violating the university’s sexual harassment policy will be subject to disciplinary action. In accordance with the Texas A&M University System guidelines, your instructor is obligated
to report to the Office of Title IX Compliance (titleixteam@pvamu.edu) any instance of sexual misconduct involving a student, which includes sexual assault, stalking, dating violence, domestic violence, and sexual harassment, about which the instructor becomes aware during this course through writing, discussion, or personal disclosure. The faculty and staff of PVAMU actively strive to provide a learning, working, and living environment that promotes respect that is free from sexual misconduct, discrimination, and all forms of violence. If students, faculty, or staff would like assistance, or have questions, they may contact the Title IX Coordinator at 936-261-2144 or titleixteam@pvamu.edu.

More information can be found at the Title IX Webpage including confidential resources available on campus.

Pregnancy, Pregnancy-related, and Parenting Accommodations
Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 prohibits sex discrimination, which includes discrimination based on pregnancy, marital status, or parental status. Students seeking accommodations related to pregnancy, pregnancy-related condition, or parenting (reasonably immediate postpartum period) are encouraged to contact Student Disability Services or the Dean of Students’ Office for additional information and to request accommodations. More information can be found at this webpage.

Non-Discrimination Statement
Prairie View A&M University does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, sex, religion, national origin, age, disability, genetic information, veteran status, sexual orientation or gender identity in its programs and activities. The University is committed to supporting students and complying with the Texas A&M University System non-discrimination policy. It seeks to establish an environment that is free of bias, discrimination, and harassment. If you experience an incident of discrimination or harassment, we encourage you to report it. If you would like to speak with someone who may be able to afford you privacy or confidentiality, there are individuals who can meet with you. The Director of Equal Opportunity & Diversity has been designated to handle inquiries regarding the non-discrimination policies, and can be reached at Harrington Science Building, Suite 109 or by phone 936-261-1744 or 1792.

Class Attendance Policy (See Catalog for Full Attendance Policy)
Prairie View A&M University requires regular class attendance. Attending all classes supports full academic development of each learner whether classes are taught with the instructor physically present or via distance learning technologies such as interactive video and/or internet. Excessive absenteeism, whether excused or unexcused, may result in a student’s course grade being reduced or in assignment of a grade of “F”. Absences are accumulated beginning with the first day of class during regular semesters and summer terms. Each faculty member will include the University’s attendance policy in each course syllabus.

Student Academic Appeals Process
Authority and responsibility for assigning grades to students rests with the faculty. However, in those instances where students believe that miscommunication, errors, or unfairness of any kind may have adversely affected the instructor’s assessment of their academic performance, the student has a right to appeal by the procedure listed in the University Catalog and by doing so within thirty days of receiving the grade or experiencing any other problematic academic event that prompted the complaint. Students can file Academic Complaints and/or Grade Appeals at this webpage.

Technical Considerations

Minimum Recommended Hardware and Software:
- Intel PC or Laptop with Windows 10 or later version; Mac with OS High Sierra*
- Smartphone or iPad/Tablet with Wi-Fi*
- High speed Internet access
- 8 GB Memory
- Hard drive with 320 GB storage space
- 15” monitor, 800x600, color or 16 bit
- Sound card w/speakers
- Microphone and recording software
- Keyboard & mouse
- Most current version of Google Chrome, Safari or Firefox

*Smartphone, Google Chrome books and Android tablets may not be supported. iPads are the only tablets supported.

Note: Be sure to enable Java & pop-ups in the Web browser preferences.
Participants should have a basic proficiency of the following computer skills:

- Sending and receiving emails
- A working knowledge of the Internet
- Microsoft Word (or a program convertible to Word)
- Acrobat PDF Reader
- Windows or Mac OS
- Video conferencing software

Netiquette (online etiquette)
Students are expected to participate in all discussions and virtual classroom chats as directed. Students are to be respectful and courteous to others on discussions boards. Foul or abusive language will not be tolerated. Do not use ALL CAPS for communicating to others AS IT CAN BE INTERPRETED AS YELLING. Avoid slang terms such as “wassup?” and texting abbreviations such as “u” instead of “you.” Limit and possibly avoid the use of emoticons. Be cautious when using humor or sarcasm as tone is sometimes lost in an email or discussion post and the message might be taken seriously or sound offensive.

Video Conferencing Etiquette
When using Zoom, WebEx or other video conferencing tools, confirm the visible area is tidy, clear of background clutter, inappropriate or offensive posters, and other distractions. Ensure you dress appropriately and avoid using high traffic or noisy areas. Stay muted when you are not speaking and avoid eating/drinking during session. Before class session begins, test audio, video and lighting to alleviate technology issues.

Technical Support
Students should go to the Password Reset Tool if they have password issues. The page will provide instructions for resetting passwords and contact information if login issues persist. For other technical questions regarding eCourses, call the Center for Instructional Innovation and Technology Services (CIITS) at 936-261-3283 or email ciits@pvamu.edu.

Communication Expectations and Standards
Emails or discussion postings will receive a response from the instructor, usually in less than 48 hours. Urgent emails should be marked as such. Check regularly for responses.

Discussion Requirement
Online courses often require minimal to no face-to-face meetings. However, conversations about the readings, lectures, materials, and other aspects of the course can take place in a seminar fashion. This will be accomplished by the use of the discussion board. The exact use of discussion will be determined by the instructor.

It is strongly suggested that students type their discussion postings in a word processing application such as Word and save it to their PC or a removable drive before posting to the discussion board. This is important for two reasons: 1) If for some reason your discussion responses are lost in your online course, you will have another copy; 2) Grammatical errors can be greatly minimized by the use of the spell-and-grammar check functions in word processing applications. Once the post(s) have been typed and corrected in the word processing application, copy and paste to the discussion board.

COVID-19 Campus Safety Measures [NOTE: Delete this section when the COVID-19 pandemic is over]
To promote public safety and protect students, faculty, and staff during the COVID-19 pandemic, Prairie View A&M University has adopted policies and practices for the Fall 2020 academic term to limit virus transmission. Students must observe the following practices while participating in face-to-face courses and course-related activities (office hours, help sessions, transitioning to and between classes, study spaces, academic services, etc.):

- **Self-monitoring** - Students should follow CDC recommendations for self-monitoring. Students who have a fever or exhibit symptoms of COVID-19 should participate in class remotely and should not participate in face-to-face instruction.

- **Face Coverings** - Face coverings (cloth face covering, surgical mask, etc.) must be properly worn in all non-private spaces including classrooms, teaching laboratories, common spaces such as lobbies and hallways,
public study spaces, libraries, academic resource and support offices, and outdoor spaces where 6 feet of physical distancing is difficult to reliably maintain.

- **Physical Distancing**: Physical distancing must be maintained between students, instructors, and others in course and course-related activities.

- **Classroom Ingress/Egress**: Students must follow marked pathways for entering and exiting classrooms and other teaching spaces. Students should leave classrooms promptly after course activities have concluded, should not congregate in hallways and should maintain 6-foot physical distancing when waiting to enter classrooms and other instructional spaces.

- **Face-to-face Class**: To attend a face-to-face class, students must wear a face covering (or a face shield if they have an exemption letter). If a student refuses to wear a face covering, the instructor should ask the student to leave and join the class remotely. If the student does not leave the class, the faculty member should report that student to the Office for Student Conduct for adjudication. Additionally, the faculty member may choose to teach that day’s class remotely for all students.

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- **Physical Distancing**: Physical distancing should be maintained between students, instructors, and others in course and course-related activities where possible.

- **Personal Illness and Quarantine**: Students required to quarantine are to participate in courses and course-related activities remotely and must not attend face-to-face course activities. Students should notify their instructors of the quarantine requirement. Students under quarantine are expected to participate in courses and complete graded work unless they have symptoms that are too severe to participate in course activities. Students experiencing personal injury or illness that is too severe for the student to attend class qualify for an excused absence. To receive an excused absence, students must provide appropriate documentation to the Office for Student Conduct, **studentconduct@pvamu.edu**.

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**Students are Responsible for:**

Obtaining the required Textbooks for the course.

Reading reviewing the supplemental materials for all assigned chapters for each two-week bloc.

Completing all assigned chapter quizzes by their due date.

Students must participate in all discussion forums as they are assigned.

Students are expected to upload all assignments to the Turnitin drop box on Canvas by the assigned due date.

It is the student’s responsibility to make sure they have a stable internet connection and that their computer/device is compatible and working properly in order to engage effectively in this online course before beginning any exam make sure your internet connection is stable and working properly. Failure to do so may result in your internet connection becoming unstable and lost, resulting in your assignment being submitted automatically, regardless of its completion status.

**Students can expect:**

the instructor to return emails within 24 to 48 hours unless otherwise announced on the course page or through course mail. Students may text me or call me directly on my cell if they have a question needing immediate response.

Students may expect the Zoom meeting room for office hours to be maintained unless otherwise announced to the class.

Students may expect all assignments to be graded within one week after their due date.

**Essentials for success in this course:**
log onto the course regularly in order to keep up with course readings, assignments, Chapter Quizzes on Pearson, and discussion forum posts.

Students should take time to think about how they want to address their discussion posts. I would encourage students to type out their posts in word before placing it into the discussion forum. This allows for you to be thoughtful in your post and also gives you a backup if something happens and you lose internet connectivity.

Collaborative Precis Assignments

Communicate with other students to draft your paper.

- This communication may be face-to-face or by email, phone, or other means.
- Together, write a brief 2-3 (800 to 1200 words) page paper addresses the document based question the paper is based upon. (see the Collaborative Assignment module on Canvas for detailed instructions.
- Each member of your group must submit that same completed paper to the Turnitin drop box located in the Turnitin module on Canvas.
- Paper guidelines below. Please list all participating group members in header of cover page. Further guidelines are listed at the end of the syllabus and in the canvas module for the assignments.

Submission:

- Use a word processing software program to complete the questions above.
- Save it on your computer or memory device as a doc or docx
- Name it Collaborative Precis with the title of the book for ex... “Collaborate Precis over The Movement and the Sixties.” When you are ready to submit it, click on the Turnitin link for the assignment on Canvas.
- When the new screen opens locate ATTACH LOCAL FILE and click the BROWSE button to navigate to the document.
- Navigate to your document.
- Click SUBMIT when you have found it.
- Do NOT paste your activity in the comments box; this is meant for short notes to me and will not provide enough space to hold an entire assignment.

DO NOT SEND YOUR ASSIGNMENTS VIA EMAIL!

Turning in the Assignment

1. Each member of the group must turn in the assignment to the specific Turnitin dropbox for that assignment.
2. Each student must also turn in the assignment to taskstream.

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Collaborative Assignment #1: Slavery and the Founders: Race, Class and Liberty in the Age of Jefferson by Paul Finkelman
Directions: *In your precis you need to identify, describe, and analyze the strengths and weaknesses of this book. See course Module on Canvas for Detailed Instructions*

**Instructions for your Collaborative Assignments.**

**Question you are to address in your Precis:**
Using the reviews provided, **analyze the strengths and weaknesses of *Slavery and the Founders* Due July 2.**

You must use the reviews provided, and you may bring in outside sources for your analysis.

**Paragraph one:** Must Have a Thesis Statement.

**Following Paragraphs:** Develops your Thesis… Using the reviews etc. go into detail on the strengths and weaknesses of the book

**Conclusion:** Summarizes your key points and often can be a more developed statement concerning your thesis statement.

**Format:** Time New Roman 12 pt font. 1” margins

You **MUST** footnotes.

You **MUST** use to Chicago Manual of Style for formatting paper, specifically the footnotes and work cited page. Remember that when use one of the reviews you must give credit to that review for the information you are using from it.

You **MUST** have a bibliography or works cited page

You **MUST** have a cover page

You **MUST** include all group members names on the cover page

Everyone in the group **MUST** upload the completed Precis to both the Turnitin drop box and Taskstream located at the top of the course ecourses page.

Finally your precis should be a minimum of 800 to 1100 words.

**What follows below are specific details on how to write a Thesis Statement**

**How to write a Thesis Statement**

**Example Question:**
Using the documents provided, analyze how the Ottoman government viewed ethnic and religious groups within its empire for the period 1876–1908. Identify an additional document and explain how it would help you analyze the views of the Ottoman Empire.

**CRAFTING A SOLID THESIS STATEMENT**

You have one chance to make a good first impression. Usually, an AP History reader can tell within the first few sentences whether or not an essay is going to be strong. A few essays can recover after a poor start, but first impressions matter. Consequently, nothing is more important in the first paragraph than the clear statement of an analytical thesis.

Different kinds of writings demand different types of opening paragraphs. In English class, you may learn a style of essay writing that asks for general background information in a first paragraph. On a DBQ, however, you do not have much time. The reader is most interested in seeing a strong thesis as soon as possible.

Your thesis can be more than just one sentence. To score well, the thesis needs to include specific information that responds to the question. Many students think they have written a thesis when, in actuality, they have not; their opening paragraphs are *just too general and unspecific.*

Your thesis must be in the first paragraph of your essay. The thesis is that part of your essay that:

1) specifically addresses the terms of the question and
2) sets up the structure for the rest of your essay. Let’s take a look at thesis statement samples based on the example prompt listed above.

**The question you are being asked to address is:** (remember this is only an example question)
For the period 1876–1908, analyze how the Ottoman government viewed ethnic and religious groups within its empire.”

**THESIS STATEMENTS THAT DO NOT WORK**

The following statement is not an acceptable thesis; it is far too vague. It says very little about how the essay is structured.

There were many ways in which the Ottoman government viewed ethnic and religious groups.

The next statement paraphrases the historical background and does not address the question. It would not receive credit for being a thesis.

The Ottoman government brought reforms in the Constitution of 1876. The empire had a number of different groups of people living in it, including Christians and Muslims who did not practice the official form of Islam. By 1908 a new government was created by the Young Turks and the sultan was soon out of his job.

This next sentence gets the question backward: you are being asked for the government’s view of religious and ethnic groups, not the groups’ view of the government. Though the point-of-view issue is very important, this statement would not receive POV credit.

People of different nationalities reacted differently to the Ottoman government depending on their religion.

The following paragraph says a great deal about history, but it does not address the substance of the question. It would not receive credit because of its irrelevancy.

Throughout history, people around the world have struggled with the issue of political power and freedom. From the harbor of Boston during the first stages of the American Revolution to the plantations of Haiti during the struggle to end slavery, people have battled for power. Even in places like China with the Boxer Rebellion, people were responding against the issue of Westernization. Imperialism made the demand for change even more important, as European powers circled the globe and stretched their influences to the far reaches of the known world. In the Ottoman Empire too, people demanded change.

**THESIS STATEMENTS THAT DO WORK**

Now we turn to thesis statements that do work. These two sentences address both the religious and ethnic aspects of the question. They describe how these groups were viewed.

The Ottoman government took the same position on religious diversity as it did on ethnic diversity. Minorities were servants of the Ottoman Turks, and religious diversity was allowed as long as Islam remained supreme.

This statement answers the question in a different way but is equally successful.

Government officials in the Ottoman Empire sent out the message that all people in the empire were equal regardless of religion or ethnicity, yet the reality was that the Turks and their version of Islam were superior.

Do not use profanity, slang, or unique colloquialisms. Remember, you are writing a scholarly review, not an email.

When using quotations, enclose the page number (or numbers) of the quotation in parentheses at the end of the quoted passage. EX: (p. 15), or (pp. 21-23). For example, "The literature on military professionalism has largely concentrated on such attributes as education, inculcation of military ethics, and socialization of the officer corps," (p. 235). Use one "p." if the quotation comes from one page or "pp." if it begins on one page and continues to the next. All material taken directly from the book you are reviewing (or any other book, journal, magazine, or newspaper) must be put in quotation marks and cited properly. If not, this constitutes plagiarism and is subject to appropriate punitive action.

Avoid extensive quotations. More than six lines of quotes per page is "extensive."
C. PROOF READING: You might consider writing your assignment at least two days in advance and then spend time reviewing and revising it. Regardless, carefully proofread your assignment for typos, misspellings, duplicate words, and other grammatical mistakes. If possible, read it aloud. Reading a paper aloud is a very good way of picking up redundant or repetitive phrases, awkward sentence construction, contradictory statements, etc. It will also assist you in adhering to the style outlined in points A and B, as each individual offense will result in the automatic deduction of five points.

III. Summary and Thesis --
A. SUMMARY: Your review should give the reader a concise summary of the scope and content of the book. No more than one paragraph of a three-page review should be devoted to the content of a book.
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A. WRITING STYLE: Evaluate the author's writing style (did you like it? why or why not?). How well did the author organize the book? Is the book mainly chronological narrative or topical analysis?
B. RESEARCH: Evaluate the author's sources and documentation. Did the author base his (or her) book mainly on secondary works (other books, journal articles), or did the notes include primary sources (newspapers, diaries, collections of letters and contemporary documents). How well did the author's evidence support his (or her) thesis?
C. ILLUSTRATIVE MATERIALS: Were maps, charts or illustrations included in the book? If so, were they clear, informative and well chosen?
D. OVERALL ASSESSMENT: Your evaluation of the above points may be either favorable or unfavorable. Was the author's thesis convincing? What were the book's strong points? What were its weak points?

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3. COMMUNICATION - (Oral or Written) Organization
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6. SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY - Knowledge Analysis

Course Objectives
1. Learn basic facts of American history
2. Be better able to think critically, recognize change over time, and demonstrate an understanding how actions have consequences
3. Relate present-day issues and experiences to those of the past, in order to provide a better basis for appreciating challenges and possibilities of contemporary times
4. Supplement knowledge of sources and methods of learning American history

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- Pre-Test
- Introductions
- Discussion board for Collaborative Assignments
- Weeks 1 & 2 Discussion
- Quiz #1- Chapters 1-3 (Requires Respondus LockDown Browser)

Videos

- Sedentary, Semi-Sedentary, and Non-Sedentary Cultures
- Columbian Exchange
- Colonial Virginia
- Bacon's Rebellion Links to an external site.

Chapter 1 The Americas, Europe, and Africa Before 1492

- Perspective
- Objectives
- Overview

Chapter readings

- Introduction
- 1.1 The Americas
- 1.2 Europe on the Brink of Change
- 1.3 West Africa and the Role of Slavery
- Key Terms
- Summary
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Chapter 2 Early Globalization: The Atlantic World, 1492–1650

- Perspective
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- 2.2 Religious Upheavals in the Developing Atlantic World
- 2.3 Challenges to Spain’s Supremacy
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- Key Terms
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- Review Questions
- Critical Thinking Questions

Chapter 3 Creating New Social Orders: Colonial Societies, 1500–1700
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  Mercantilism
  From Servitude to Slavery
  A History of the House of Burgesses
  The French and Indian War
  Common Sense
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5.5 Disaffection: The First Continental Congress and American Identity
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Critical Thinking Questions

Chapter 6 America's War for Independence, 1775-1783

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6.2 The Early Years of the Revolution
6.3 War in the South
6.4 Identity during the American Revolution
Key Terms
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Chapter 7 Creating Republican Governments, 1776–1790

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Assuming State Debts
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