

History 3309 – History of Texas –

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Text: History of Texas, 5th edition, A. DeLeon ,et al. This book will be available in the 5th edition; however, students can also use the 4th edition.

Instructions: The History of Texas class will be a web based internet class. Each student should have access to a computer either at home or at one of the RGC computer labs. Each student must make a commitment to keep pace with the course schedule.

Students should be familiar with the course syllabus. Exams will be given only on line. Students should arrange their schedules to make sure they complete all self assessments and exams as they are offered. Students must complete all self assessment to receive credit for the course. A total of 4 points for each missed self assessment will be deducted from the student's total grade.

The self assessments will be given weekly and they can be found under Self Assessments on Blackboard. They will only be posted for one day and available from 8 a.m. until 11 p.m. Students will have 20 minutes to complete the self assessments. After completing the self assessment, you will not see a score, only an indication that you completed the self assessment. The answers will be available the following day from 8 a.m. until 11 p.m. Students will not be able to print the self assessments. If you choose to write down the questions, you may. The answers likewise will not be available for printing. When the answers are posted they will not be shown with the questions, so it would be advisable that students write the questions in order to check their answers. **STUDENTS MUST COMPLETE ALL SELF ASSESSMENTS TO RECEIVE CREDIT FOR THE COURSE.** For students who fail to complete a self assessment 4 points will be deducted from their total grade.

Excuses for missed exams will not be accepted. **If a student misses an exam for "any reason", that student will be required to take the makeup exam in the Del Rio RGC computer lab at a scheduled time.** It is highly recommended that students complete all exams in the RGC computer labs. All exams will be timed and if you are working from home and are inadvertently dropped from your connection, I will be required to re open your exam. If that should happen there will be a deduction of 3 points from your score. All exams (there will be four) will have a 50 minute time limit. Students who exceed that time will have points deducted from their exam results. Deductions are as follows: 0-59 secs. – 2 points; 1-2 minutes – 4 points; 2-3 minutes- 6 points; and so on.

Students must participate in three (3) separate discussion sessions. The discussion sessions are indicated on the syllabus. A topic will be posted for that indicated week and students are expected to address the topic and comment on the comments of their fellow students.

Students will also be required to submit a short one page essay. I will post instructions for the completion of that assignment.

Calendar:

Students should complete each chapter self assessment- **The answers will be posted the following day- Example – Chapter 1 self assessment is Jan 27, the answers will be posted on Jan 28.**

Jan 20-27(28) – Orientation – Read syllabus and check discussion board to introduce yourself.

Chapter 1 – Complete Self Assessment- (Answers will be posted the following day.)

Jan 28-Feb 3(4) – Chapter 2 – Complete Self Assessment

Feb 4-10(11) – Chapter 3 – Complete Self assessment-**Discussion 1 – this session will begin at 8 a. m. on Feb 4 and finish on Feb 11. Students will find the discussion topic under Discussion in Blackboard.**

Feb 11-17 – Study and Review for Exam 1 – the exam will be posted from 8a.m. to 11p.m. on Feb 17.

Feb 17 – Exam 1 – 50 minute timed effort between 8a.m. and 11p.m. - 100 points

Feb 18-24(25) – Chapter 4 – Complete Self Assessment

Feb 25-Mar 3(4) – Chapter 5 – Complete Self Assessment

Mar 4-10(11) – Chapter 6 – Complete Self Assessment

Mar 11-24 – Study and Review for Exam 2 – Posted on Mar 24 – **Discussion 2- will begin on Mar 11 and conclude on Mar 25 at 11 p. m.**

Mar 24 – Exam 2 – 50 minutes – timed effort between 8a.m. and 11p.m. - 100 points

Mar 25-31(Apr 1) – Chapter 7 – Complete Self Assessment

Apr 1-7(8) – Chapter 8 and 9 – Complete Self Assessment – **Discussion 3 – will begin on Apr 1 and conclude on Apr 8 at 11 p. m.**

Apr 8-14 – Study and Review for Exam 3 which will be posted on Apr 14.

Apr 14 – Exam 3 – 50 minutes – timed effort between 8a.m. and 11p.m. - 100 points

Apr 15-21(22) – Chapters 10, 11 – Complete self assessment –**Short Discussion Essay – will begin on Apr 15. The Essay must be submitted to my email address roberto@sulross.edu no later than May 8 by 11 p. m. I will post instructions.**

Apr 22-28(29) – Chapter 12 and 13 – Complete self assessment

Apr 29-May 5(6) – Chapter 14 – Complete Self Assessment

May 6-12 – Study and Review for Exam 4

May 12 - Exam 4 – 50 minutes – timed effort between 8a.m. and 11p.m. - 100 points

Grades:

4 exams – 100 points each – 20% each = 80% of final grade

3 discussions – 25 points each – 5% each =15% of final grade.

1 Short Discussion essay – 5% = 5% of final grade.

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