

List of Due Dates-Print ME! Check off each box on the left as you finish. Notice **black** headings for all Writings.

Tips: For success, use what is at the top of each folder. All tips in Unit 1 apply to all Units. 9/13 9/23 9/30

Getting Started in This Course – Course Overview and Orientation (August 31-September 2)

Assignment Type	Assignment	Date Range/Due Date	Points
Required Reading	• All documents located in Getting Started	August 31-September 2	--
Graded Assignment(s)	• Introductory Tasks at the end of Course Orientation	September 2 by 11:59 PM	45

Unit 1: From New World to New Empires–1500s to 1776 (September 2-September 15 25)

Assignment Type	Assignment	Date Range/Due Date	Points
Required Reading	• Study Guide with 4 Lesson Links (Optional Chapters 1-8)	September 2-September 15	--
Graded Assignment(s)	• Learning Quizzes Tip: See syllabus for incentives & why 80%+	September 15- 25 by 11:59 PM	70
Exam	• Unit 1 Exam Tip: Read About Unit Exams (bottom of all Units)	September 13 to September 15 25 by 11:59	100

1st Part Writing: Evidence Quiz & Your Paper (September 15-September 22 23)

Assignment Type	Assignment	Date Range/Due Date	Points
Required Reading	• 2 primaries and 1 video Tip: Look at these as you work.	September 15-September 22	--
Graded Assignment(s)	• Evidence Quiz Tip: Score 80+% to see the writing Discussion.	September 18 by 11:59 PM	40
	• 1 st Part Writing Tip: See syllabus for OVERWRITE 1, 2, 3.	September 22-23 by 11:59 PM	100

Unit 2: From Making a Revolution to Making a Nation–1776 to 1830s (September 22–October 6)

Assignment Type	Assignment	Date Range/Due Date	Points
Required Reading	• Study Guide with 4 Lesson Links (Optional Chapters 9-14)	September 22 - October 6	--
Graded Assignment(s)	• Learning Quizzes	October 6 by 11:59 PM	50
Exam	• Unit 2 Exam	October 4 to October 6 by 11:59 PM	100

2nd Part Writing: Fact-Checking & Plagiarism-Checking YOUR OWN PAPER (September 27-October 3)

Assignment Type	Assignment	Date Range/Due Date	Points
Required Reading	• Same 2 primaries and 1 video Tip: Look at these as you work.	September 27 - October 3	--
Graded Assignment(s)	• 2 nd Part Writing to help your future @ 100 points. If done correctly, will also result in 100 points for the 1st Part Writing.	October 3 by 11:59 PM	100

Unit 3: Transforming the Nation–1830s to 1877 (October 6-October 18)

Assignment Type	Assignment	Date Range/Due Date	Points
Required Reading	• Study Guide with 3 Lesson Links (Optional Chapters 15-22)	October 6-October 18	--
Graded Assignment(s)	• Learning Quizzes	October 18 by 11:59 PM	80
Exam	• Unit 3 Exam	October 16 to October 18 by 11:59 PM	100

3rd Part Writing: Alternative Assignment Available for Those Who Do the 2nd Part (October 6-October 11)

Assignment Type	Assignment	Date Range/Due Date	Points
Required Reading	• Same 2 primaries and 1 video Tip: Look at these as you work.	October 6-October 11	--
Graded Assignment(s)	• 3 rd Part Writing to help your future	October 11 by 11:59 PM.	100

Respondus & Final Exam (October 2– October 20) – Opens EARLY for Respondus Practice & History Review

Assignment Type	Assignment	Date Range/Due Date	Points
Required Reading	• About Sample Respondus Exam and Final Exam (at the top) • All documents located in the Respondus folder • History Review—a link to questions and to answers • About the Final (at the bottom, above where the exam will be)	October 2– October 20	--
Graded Assignment	• Sample Respondus Exam Tip: When done, the Review is visible. Prof's video check: October 10-11 and 16-17. Caution: To take the Final Exam, you must do this exam.	October 2 to October 15 at 11:59 PM	15
Final Exam	• Final Exam –Prof's video check: October 19-22. Exam grades may change after the video check. History Department policy:	October 19 to October 20 by 11:59 PM	100

Assignment Type	Assignment	Date Range/Due Date	Points
	No Final Exam – then an F for the whole course. Please take it!		

I reserve the right to modify the syllabus during the semester.

Incentive Dates to Help You Pace Yourself (Tip: Voluntary, Optional, & Extra Credit)

The incentive dates and the number of questions you need to make 80% on each quiz in Unit 2 and Unit 3 are on the next page.

Three definitions from Merriam-Webster’s Online Dictionary

- **Due** = “the day by which something must be done, paid, etc.” – **Due dates** are covered on the **1st** page.
- **Incentive** = “something that makes a person try or work hard or harder.” – **Incentive** dates are **on the last page**.
- To **pace** yourself = “to establish a moderate or steady pace for (oneself)” – Incentive dates to help you **pace** yourself.

Stacking of Similar Sounding Items to Help People Compare

- **Due** date = the **last** day you can do a quiz for **points** because Blackboard **automatically** closes the quiz at the end of the day.
- **Incentive** date = the date when you can complete (or previously completed on **any** earlier date) a quiz with **80% or more** of the questions right, with the **incentive** being 1 point of extra credit on the **next** day

Two Traits of Incentive Dates

- They are **earlier** than the due date
- They are **spread out** so you can **pace** yourself but be complete by the due date

Guys, this is common sense. When I had a bunch of stuff to do by a due date, especially on a tight schedule, I’d look at the calendar and spread the work out just the way I did with your incentive dates. I don’t assume something will be easy until I try it. I set a pace early and I follow it. **If things are going slower than I hoped, I know I am likely to fail before I actually do fail so I know I must speed up my pace. Pacing my work gives me a better chance of success with less misery.**

Why 2 Chances to Be Correct on 80% of the Self-Test or Full-Test?

The permission your prof got from her Department Chair for these quizzes was that they would:

- **Not** cause **busy** work for students who **already know** vocabulary and map locations for history
How? You take the Self-Test and are correct on 80% or more of the questions and you are **done**. When the Unit closes, your prof enters full points in the Full-Test grade.
- Help students who did **not** know these things **teach themselves** by taking the Full-Test
How? You take the Self-Test but had fewer than 80%. You take the Full-Test until you have 80% or more correct. In other words, you take the Full-Test until you learn those vocabulary words. **Reminder:** 8 of the 25 questions on a Unit Exam come from the Learning Quizzes.

Why the Extra Credit for Keeping Up with the Learning Quizzes in a Unit at a Regular Pace?

- Research says learning is more successful if you do not try to cram at the end.
- I’d rather reward you for pacing yourself than watch some of you fail because you never finished.

If you want to wait until the end of the Unit to do these quizzes, then that is fine. It is your decision. You just will **not** get the **extra** credit.

Reminder about the Reality of Math and of the Word *Extra Credit*

Just to say the obvious, my putting:

- A 0 for a grade that is **extra credit** does **not** take away from your points
- A 1 for a grade to help you remember to pace yourself may help your future—and I want to help your future.

Tip: If you have questions about what is written above, I am glad to help you.

Incentive Dates and the Column Named # Right for 80%

The column named # Right for 80% is to help you realize whether you must do the Full-Test. When you look at the completed Self-Test to see what you missed, count how many questions you have right.

Tip: If you have a quiz with 12 questions for example, 80% of 12 is 9.6 and you cannot earn .6 of a question since that is not how Blackboard works. In that case, the column show you how many you need right to be more than 80%.

Unit 2 Incentive Dates

Incentive Date	Lesson #	# Right for 80%	Title of Self- and Full-Test
10/4-11:59 PM	1	8	Essential Terms in Unit 2 (in Sets) – Sets=Blackboard displays different questions
10/4-11:59 PM	2	9	Basics of the Constitution
10/5-11:59 PM	3	5	Map of North America, 1783 to circa 1803
10/5-11:59 PM	4	6	Major Canals, Lakes, Rivers, and Roads Linking the East and West, 1810-1860

Unit 3 Incentive Dates

Incentive Date	Lesson #	# Right for 80%	Title of Self- and Full-Test
10/14-11:59 PM	1	8	Essential Terms in Unit 3 (in Sets) – Sets=Blackboard displays different questions
10/15 -11:59 PM	2	4	Impending Crisis Map
10/15 11:59 PM	2	3	Map of US Territories (Free and Slave) and Sectionalism
10/16-11:59 PM	3	4	Map of Key Events in the Civil War
10/16-11:59 PM	3	4	Civil War in the East
10/17-11:59 PM	4	16	The Constitution – Seeing the Past, Reconstruction, and the Future
10/17-11:59 PM	4	3	Amendments Plus