

Summer 2020

Hist 17A-61Z: United States Civilization from Colonial to Early National. A Survey of United States History (political, economic, intellectual and social development).

Prerequisites

None

**Instructor Information:** David Howard-Pitney  
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ADVISORY Eligibility for EWRT 1A or ESL 5 is advised.

• **Student Learning Outcomes:** Students will demonstrate and apply knowledge of United States prehistoric and Colonial eras through 1800 primary documents to construct defensible statements of meaning and evaluation about this period's developments.

Students will identify, critically evaluate, and interpret United States history from pre-historic and Colonial eras through 1800 primary documents to construct historical analysis.

### Requirements

1) Be prepared to spend 15 or more hours per week to use and study course materials. Read and study the text and other assigned reading and materials as required.

2) This course section is offered only through the "**LaunchPad**" online format, so students must purchase access to Launchpad. You will access LaunchPad *via* the De Anza's Canvas system. All graded work will be taken online in Launchpad. Read the below instructions on how to get access to LaunchPad and the textbook.

### Textbook

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### Course Materials

[Bookstore: Phone: 408-864-8455

<http://books.fhda.edu>]

Purchase LaunchPad on the Macmillan web site accessed on Canvas.

1. Roark, et al., *Understanding the American Promise*, Volume 1, 2nd Edition. You must read and study exclusively the **e-book** of our textbook on LaunchPad.
2. *The Interesting Narrative of the Life of Olaudah Equiano, Written by Himself*. Note, this book is ONLY ordered at the college bookstore-- it CANNOT be read or purchased on the Launchpad web site.
3. Obtain Access to "LaunchPad," the course's online format. All graded assignments and work will be done on LaunchPad, which you may access through Canvas. You must buy access to LaunchPad directly on the Macmillan site.

If for Financial Aid purposes, anyone needs to make all their purchases through the bookstore, contact me asap, and I will make that possible.

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, De Anza College is committed to providing equitable access to learning opportunities to students with documented disabilities (e.g. mental health, attentional, learning, chronic health, sensory, or physical issues). I invite you to meet with a Disabilities Support Services (DSS) counselor or Learning Disability (LD) Specialist to discuss any accommodations or specific learning needs you may have. If you have a disability-related need for reasonable accommodations or services in this course, you will need to provide me with a Test Accommodation Verification (TAV) form from the DSS office. Students are expected to give 5 (five) days-notice of the need for accommodations. Students with disabilities may obtain this form by contacting their DSS counselor or LD Specialist at (408) 864-8753

**Register onto LaunchPad** online following these directions:

**As of Friday June 26, my online course on Canvas Hist 17A-61Z course and my LaunchPad for it both become active and open to students. Right away, **access** (through Canvas) **LaunchPad**, our course's required electronic course management system. Here is identifying information for our course on LaunchPad: DE ANZA COLLEGE - Term: Summer 2020 ID: 13591334 Instructor David Howard-Pitney  
The first graded work to be done on LaunchPad is due on **June 30**.**

#### **How to connect to LaunchPad through Canvas:**

Once you are on our Canvas course, click on **Macmillan Learning** on the left and follow its directions to connect your Canvas account with LaunchPad. By doing so, you will get *Single Sign On* access to LaunchPad from Canvas. **LaunchPad activities** are **REQUIRED for this course!**

Please watch [THIS VIDEO](#) for help with connecting your Canvas and LaunchPad accounts.

Technical support can be reached at **800-936-6899**

**Additional Help Links:**

- [How to enter an access code](#)
- [How to purchase direct access](#)
- [Not sure what do? Get FREE trial access for 21 Days!](#)

Media Availability

Internet access is required.

Written Assignments

There is a major Essay due August 3 based on *The Interesting Narrative of the Life of Olaudah Equiano* book. See Launchpad web site for complete Essay Assignment information.

On each of the 2 course exams, there are 4 short essays of 250 words.

Students will also compose 2 Discussion Board assignments of at least 150 words each.

Extra Credit: None

Exam Review: None

Exam Notes: None

Handouts: None

Final Grade

You may access your final grades on the Internet through the College's Portal system [<https://myportal.fhda.edu>].

Additional Information

We use LAUNCHPAD as our required electronic course management system.

Testing / Grading

All graded work is performed online on **LaunchPad**, our course's electronic management system, accessed through our class's **Canvas** site.

There will be 8 Summative Chapter Quizzes, each on a chapter of Understanding the American Promise, worth 20 points each.

There will be 7 Learning Curve Assignments, each based on an assigned textbook chapter, worth 10 points each.

There will be 2 EXAMS, worth 60 points each. Each Exam will cover only the reading and other course materials assigned for its portion and will not cover material previously

covered by an exam. No Exam, including the Final, is cumulative.

There is an ESSAY for 60 points based on *The Interesting Narrative of the Life of Olaudah Equiano* book.

There will be 2 Discussion Board Activities, worth a total 25 points.

Alternate Exams: There are no alternate exams.

Quizzes and exams are available for taking on Launchpad up until their due dates but not afterward. Only one graded assignment will be allowed to be made up after it is due, so I strongly advise students NOT to delay taking a quiz or exam until just before its due. Contact the instructor sometime before Final Exam week to arrange a make-up for just one late graded assignment.

#### Grading

Final course letter grades will be assigned on the basis of students' total points and overall performance relative to one another (ie, "on a curve").

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### **Assignments Schedule**

“Important Course Documents” to be opened and read on Launchpad by June 30; 11:59 PM.

Learning Curve assignment on *Understanding the American Promise* Chapter 1 Due on Launchpad by July 2; 11:59 PM.

Summative Quiz on Chapter 1 Due on Launchpad by July 3; 11:59 PM.

LearningCurve on Chapter 2 Due on Launchpad by July 7; 11:59 PM.

Summative Quiz on Chapter 2 Due on Launchpad by July 8; 11:59 PM.

LearningCurve on Chapter 3, Due on Launchpad by July 10; 11:59 PM.

Summative Quiz on Chapter 3 Due on Launchpad by July 11; 11:59 PM.

LearningCurve on Chapter 4, Due on Launchpad by July 14; 11:59 PM.

Summative Quiz on Chapter 4 Due on Launchpad by July 15; 11:59 PM.

EXAM 1, both Multiple Choice & Essays sections, on Understanding the American Promise Chapters 1-4, Due on Launchpad by July 18; 11:59 PM.

LearningCurve on Chapter 5, Due on Launchpad by July 21; 11:59 PM.

Summative Quiz on Chapter 5 Due on Launchpad by July 22; 11:59 PM.

Discussion Board 1 Activity, Due on Launchpad by July 23; 11:59 PM.

LearningCurve on Chapter 6, Due on Launchpad by July 24; 11:59 PM.

Summative Quiz on Chapter 6, Due on Launchpad by July 25; 11:59 PM.

Discussion Board 2 Activity, Due on Launchpad by July 27; 11:59 PM.

LearningCurve on Chapter 7, Due on Launchpad by July 29; 11:59 PM.

Summative Quiz on Chapter 7, Due on Launchpad by July 30; 11:59 PM.

ESSAY on Equiano Narrative Book, Due by August 3; 11:59 PM.

Summative Quiz on Chapter 8, Due on Launchpad by August 5; 11:59 PM.

EXAM 2, both Multiple Choice & Essays sections, on Understanding the American Promise Chapters 5-8, Due on Launchpad by August 7; 11:59 PM.