

United States History

A Dual-Enrollment Summer Assignment

Hello! I am excited to announce a redesigned college-level U.S. History course here at Faith Baptist Schools. The foundation of success to this course will be to read the assigned pages out of our course textbook entitled *America: A Narrative History* by Tindall & Shi. We will also utilize a workbook entitled *Historical Thinking Skills: A Workbook for U.S. History* by John P. Irish. I recommend that both of these books can be acquired online during the summer. You may purchase a used Tindall & Shi textbook, but you will need to obtain a brand new copy of Irish's workbook.

Throughout the course, I will supplement our study with other applicable materials like primary resource excerpts that will lend a deeper understanding of our course material. Both the text and this primary source material is reflected in the course summer assignment as follows:

(1) Read Chapters 1-4 and answer the "Focus Questions" at the beginning of each of those chapters. The responses must number @ 50-150 words each and they may be handwritten or typed.

(2) Take the attached "Guide to Reading and Interpreting Documents" and after reading pages xv-xvii, you will choose 5 of the 21 documents, read them, and respond to the Questions to Consider for the five documents that you chose. Before each set of responses list the document number and title before answering the questions. Most of these questions can be answered in (a minimum of) 25-100 words. These responses may be handwritten or typed.

These assignments will be due as you enter the first day of class which is Thursday, August 22th. In other words, the completed packet of work that you turn in will serve as your entry ticket into the class.

Have a pleasant remainder of your summer. I look forward to seeing you at the end of August!

Sincerely,

Dr. Misseijer