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Online History 1B
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Hey People!

I'm Professor Maria A. Brown and during the weeks ahead I will be your guide through the American experience from the **Era of Reconstruction** to the present. Through audio and text lectures, documents, slide shows, voices from the past, music, interactive exercises and visits to various web sites, we will travel through American history.

The **United States History, from 1877 to present** web site is course content generated and has been designed to facilitate your understanding of the various stages in the development of contemporary American culture and civilization. As you browse through the site, you will discover that the study of history can be exciting and a worthwhile experience and that history is the road map to knowledge.

On the Homepage find the link to the syllabus and you can download and print it. You can also print the syllabus directly from the site. The online syllabus includes links to general course information, course goals, course requirements, course schedules, web critiques guidelines, a film list, **assigned** readings and articles and essays.

Other links on the homepage will take you to the lecture archives with links to written text that can be downloaded and printed; an interactive gallery which will include web tours, and is the future location for audio, video and music clips. As you explore each section of the site, book mark those sections that are of the most use to you. I can not stress enough how important it is for you to read and use the syllabus.

Other features of the U.S. site include a Forum and the chat room. You require to attend the forum once a week to respond to the Question of the Week which will be posted every Tuesday during the term. Your response will be credited to your grade. Be sure to consult the online Forum frequently. It will contain important announcements, adjustments in the schedule as warranted and from time to time information you may find useful to your study. As each of you exchange email addresses you may find the chat room a good place for group study.

All you will need for this journey is a copy of the student syllabus, text books, Realplayer 10 or higher, Flash/Shockwave player 8 or higher, and Acrobat Reader 6 or higher and some knowledge of the internet. (These plugins can be downloaded from the links listed in the online syllabus.) You will also need imagination, a sense of adventure and the tools that will help you develop your own observation about the American past and its impact on contemporary society.

The print version of the syllabus contains everything that you will need for this class including your exams. In the meantime, Go to the Forum, register, login and in the introduction section, introduce yourself to the class in a paragraph or two. Please include your current work and recreational activities as well as your favorite TV show, internet site and food.

I have also included some online study tips on the site to help you work through this course. Be use to read them and take them to heart.

As you can see, we have a full road trip ahead of us. There will be some bumps along the highway,

however, I think that it will be a really **Cool** experience for all of us. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me by email. (Give me at least 36 hours to respond during the week---on the week-ends 48 hours.)

Have a wonderful trip, and I will see you online.

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