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INTRODUCTION:
Welcome to History 111, United States History I, a hybrid course at College of the Canyons. As your professor, I look forward to guiding you through an enlightening and productive semester.

As a hybrid course, History 111 falls into a realm between a completely online course and a traditional offering. In this class we will meet on five occasions. The remainder of your instruction will be delivered in an electronic/streaming format. A video series featuring respected historians is at the center of this course component.

Indeed, when compared to traditional 100% on-ground college courses, hybrid online sections offer an alternative method of content delivery and afford students increased scheduling flexibility.

However, hybrid classes also pose unique challenges. Students must exercise a high degree of self motivation. They need to possess the critical reading skills required to process written instructions with acuity. They should also possess highly developed organizational and personal management skills. Such techniques are required in a class that by its nature contains absolute deadlines for student assignments. Therefore, while hybrid courses offer an innovative and stimulating option to traditional on-ground sections, students are advised to carefully consider the course requirements and delivery method prior to the first class meeting.

MEETING SCHEDULE: The class will have six (6) mandatory meetings. If you cannot attend all six meetings you should drop this section. I do not rearrange the schedule for
individual students. Please see the online schedule of classes and/or your MyCanyons account for exact dates, time, and location.

VIEWING THE SERIES:
*The title of the video series is A Biography of America. You can access the entire series for free at www.learner.org or simply search the title of the series.

REQUIRED TEXTBOOKS:

*The Red Badge of Courage, by Stephen Crane: 978-0812504798

These books are available in the COC Valencia Bookstore and for online purchase.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS
*The specific assignment details and their value visa vie your final grade will be discussed and delineated during the MANDATORY first class/orientation session. Students will be held accountable for their mastery of the material as presented/contained in the totality of the course.

OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION:
*In regard to email messages, students can expect a turnaround time of, at most, 2 days.
*Students should be aware of the COC Distance Learning Website: http://www.canyons.edu/offices/distance_learning/tv/broadsched.asp.
*All students must have access to email and possess the ability to send and receive materials as attachments.
*Good Luck in your endeavors at College of the Canyons. I look forward to working with you.

-- Professor Stephen E. Branch