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INTRODUCTION:
Welcome to History 112, United States History II 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 112 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:
*This 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. Check the online schedule of classes for exact dates, time, and locations.

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 you may simply search the title.

REQUIRED TEXTBOOK:
On the Road, by Jack Kerouac
ISBN# 9780140042597

Ragtime, by E.L. Doctorow: 978-0-8-1297818-6

The textbooks can be purchased in the COC bookstore or purchased online.

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 emails, 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