

Master Civ/Lit SI
USA: The Making of a Nation (TMN)

Course Description:

This course will examine the history of the USA from the Civil War to WWI. The focus of the course will be on a) the various elements which contributed to the building of a nation and b) those which set the foundations for a world power.

Attendance and Class Participation:

This course is lecture-based. Attendance is **optional**. Attendance in the TD sessions is **compulsory**.

Group Weekly Presentations and Short Papers:

Each week, a group of students (6) are expected to read and analyze particular topics related to the main lecture. In addition, a group of students (3) will do further research on various topics that includes: a) a **PowerPoint** presentation and b) submit a short paper (5-6 pages, typed *Times New Roman* size 12, double-spaced, MLA, at least 5 references) the following week of their presentation. **Late papers will not be accepted**. Attendance in TD sessions is compulsory and will be taken into consideration.

QUIZ: A quiz is expected.

FINAL EXAM: There will be a final exam at the end of the semester, which will include a varied assessment (short answers, matching, gap-filling, MCQ, True/false pattern, Identifications...)

ASSESSMENT:

- a) Final exam (50%)
- b) TD (50%)

TD SESSION GRADING: Students will be graded on the following:

Class Participation: 3 pts
Attendance: 2 pts
Oral presentation: 5 pts
Paper: 5 pts
Quiz: 5 pts