**Student Contract (Fall 2011)**

# Please read the following carefully. Sign & date at the bottom.

I understand the importance of **CLASS ATTENDANCE** to my grade. I recognize that in-class writing assignments (as described in the syllabus) and reading quizzes **CANNOT** be made up regardless of excuse (legitimate or illegitimate). I know there are **ONLY TWO EXCEPTIONS** to this: college-sponsored activities & military service.

I understand the necessity of keeping up with **READING ASSIGNMENTS** (as mentioned in the syllabus) for my success in this course. I know that cramming the night before an exam is not a good idea; neither is reading assigned homework during class time. I recognize that regular reading and note-taking are expected.

I understand that when I am **ABSENT** (as discussed in the syllabus), I need to contact a classmate for assignments and get notes from a student not the instructor. I know that I should exchange e-mail addresses or phone numbers with several reliable classmates to get assignments if I have to miss class. It is my responsibility to keep up with missed work.

I understand what **PLAGIARISM** is (as discussed in the syllabus) and I know that plagiarized work will receive a zero. I realize that copying sentences from another source (including the textbook) is a form of plagiarism. I should write everything in my own words in this class.

I understand the **GRADING SCALE** and **MAKEUP EXAM** policies (as discussed in the syllabus). I will ask questions about anything I do not understand.

I know when the **LAST DAY TO DROP** the course is (as discussed in the syllabus) and I know dropping is my responsibility not the instructor’s.

I realize that there exists accompanying **STUDY GUIDES** for most of the readings. Even if I choose not to use these, I recognize their existence.

I understand when I **NEED HELP OR HAVE QUESTIONS**, I should seek it out immediately from the instructor or other available resources (as discussed in the syllabus). I realize that the instructor does not have the power to read my mind, move objects without touching them, or communicate with the dead.

Signing this contract means that I have **READ** the syllabus and the contract itself. I realize that the instructor is the first person I should approach with any problems, questions, or concerns.

**Your Name (Please Print): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Your Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Course: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**NOTE:** Each student is responsible for being familiar with the information appearing in the syllabus and contract. Failure to read these will not be considered an excuse for noncompliance.

**Take-Home Survey (to be handed in next class period)**

1. **Briefly describe your experience with studying history in high school. Was it a positive or negative learning experience? Explain.**
2. **How much reading did you do in your high school history classes? Estimate by number of pages per week.**
3. **How much time spent on the following: TV, computers, video games, Facebook, cell phone? Estimate by hours per day.**
4. **What type of exams or tests did you have in your high school history course? How did you study or prepare for them? Explain.**
5. **How much writing did you do in your high school history classes? Did you have a research paper? Did you have essays? What sort of assignments? Explain.**
6. **History is about more than just names, dates, & places (or facts), but everyone needs to know some facts. Without basic content knowledge, you cannot claim to know any deeper historical knowledge. With this in mind, please answer the following:**
   1. **When was World War II? Give years.**
   2. **What is the significance of the date August 6, 1945? June 28, 1914? September 11, 2001?**
   3. **Who fought against whom in the United States Civil War?**
   4. **How many Americans died in the Vietnam War?**
   5. **Why was the Cold War significant? Explain.**