

American Heroes 287
Course Syllabus
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Credits: 5

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Required Text: *American Heroes by Marfe Ferguson Delano*
And
The Autobiography of Malcolm X by Alex Haley

Course Objectives

This course is intended to give the student a substantive overview of selected heroes in the history of American society. The course will be graded out of a possible **160 points**.

100 points for the book report

60 points for weekly class participation

A. You will begin reading and assessing the book The Autobiography of Malcolm X at the beginning of the course. Collaboration with your classmates via a discussion board thread is strongly encouraged. The book report will be due towards the end of the quarter.

100 Points

B. There will be a question posted on the discussion board pertaining to each week's assigned reading. You must check the discussion board at the beginning of each week to get the question for that week. You will be required to answer the question in a short answer format, no later than mid week, and post at least two other responses to the postings of your classmates by the end of the week. **60 Points**

C. The discussion board is also the place to ask and answer questions pertaining to this class. The two most important rules for the class are: 1) I do not accept late assignments, and 2) postings on the discussion board, or conversations in the chat sessions must be respectful and professional to both instructor and students at all times. Online classes are a wonderful resource that affords flexibility to students. It is not an avenue for anyone to say things that are rude or otherwise unbecoming for a class setting.

COURSE OUTLINE

Week 1

A New World From Many Old Worlds

Read pages 7-15

Answer Discussion Question
Pocahontas

Week 2

A Revolutionary Age
Read pages 20-28
Answer Discussion Question
Benjamin Franklin

Week 3

A Revolutionary Age
Read pages 33-35
Answer Discussion Question
George Washington

BEGIN DRAFTING BOOK REPORT

Week 4

The New Republic
Read pages 38-39 and 45-51
Answer Discussion Question
Sacagawea

Week 5

A New Birth of Freedom –
The Civil War and the Reconstruction Era
Read pages 56-57 and 73-75
Answer Discussion Question
Frederick Douglass

Week 6

A New Birth of Freedom –
The Civil War and the Reconstruction Era
Read pages 77-81
Answer Discussion Question
Susan B. Anthony

SUBMIT BOOK REPORT