Dear Student,

**Welcome to History 12/ Political and Social History of the United States II.**
You have registered for the hybrid section (6539) and I am writing to provide you with important information before we begin the class. We will be meeting on campus on Saturdays from 8 am – 11:35 am in CC-204. Saturday attendance is mandatory. The class begins on Saturday July 10 at 8 am. Please be on time.

**Course Overview**

This course covers the main events, actors, and themes of United States History after 1865. While doing this we hope to develop and improve critical thinking, analysis, and writing skills through the study of United States social, economic and political development.

**Getting Started**

You will need to log on to our course website no later than July 10. If you do not log on and participate by 11:59 pm, PST, July 10, you may be dropped from the course as a no-show. I will make the class shell on Etudes available about a week before the class begins. You are welcome to review the site and post introductions during that week.

For those new to online classes and Etudes or for technical questions, tutorials, or other questions related to online education see Valley Virtual:

http://lavc.edu/virtualvalley/whatyouneed.htm

To access our class website:

http://myetudes.org

**User ID:** The first two initials of your first and last name lower case (John Smith = josm) and the last five numbers of your Student Identification Number (not Social Security Number).

**Password:** is the month and day of your birthday (April 1 = 0401).

**Success**

Understand that this class will cover the same material a traditional class would. This is a eight week course so you will need to commit considerable time to be successful.

In order to succeed, you must have regular access to the Internet. You must log on to our class site to retrieve and submit assignments and to participate in class
discussions approximately every other day. If you will not be able to participate in
this manner, this is not the course for you.

Please note that we will all progress through the course together, at the same
pace. This is not a class in which you can complete all the work for the semester
in the first week or make it all up in the last week.

The success of this class depends on the willingness of everyone to participate in
discussions regularly, and to share ideas in writing. All of our discussions will be
asynchronous (not at the same time), not synchronous (e.g., live chat, instant
messaging). This will allow you to participate at times suitable for your schedule
(with deadlines). Exams will be conducted online and discussed in syllabus.

**Technical requirements**

See Valley Virtual above.

**Required Texts**

The following required book is available in the college bookstore:

*America Past and Present*, 9th edition, vol. 2, by Robert Divine (0-205-
69995-2). Older editions are ok. Brief editions are not recommended.

If you have any questions always feel free to send me an email at the address
below. If you would like a copy of the syllabus before the class starts go to
Instructors Web Page at lavc.edu (it will be posted by June). I look forward to
working with you over the summer semester.

Sincerely,

Rick Murray

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Responses to emails will be returned within 24 hours. Be sure to enter a subject
(History 12) in subject line.