

Experiencing America Series

The South – Historic Little Rock EDU 590DC

Part A

All materials in Part A are for informational purposes only and are not to be mailed along with the completed assignments.

Section A1 - Course Introduction

Welcome to the Experiencing America Series designed by the University of San Diego, Division of Continuing Education. The major focus of this Series is encouraging teachers to travel and experience our country by viewing, studying and reflecting on historical sites, museums, parks, and memorials. For complete information regarding the Experiencing America Series, please visit www.usd-online.org.

This section, The South, consists of 7 one semester unit courses: **Historic Atlanta EDU 590EC, Civil War Atlanta EDU 590ED, Entrepreneurial Atlanta EDU 590EE, Atlanta Author and Politician EDU 590EF, Atlanta and the Civil Rights Struggle EDU 590EG, Clinton Library and Museum EDU 590DA, and Historic Little Rock EDU 590 DC.**

The fee for this course covers only the cost of the one semester unit tuition and one official transcript. Any travel expenses or admission fees are your responsibility. You will receive an official transcript from the University within three to four weeks of submitting satisfactory coursework. After the grade is posted, additional transcripts can be ordered online for \$5.00 at www.usd-online.org or by mail:

USD Continuing Education
Attention: Transcripts
5998 Alcalá Park
San Diego, CA 92110-2492

After 3 to 4 weeks, questions regarding transcripts can be answered at (619) 260-4585. Information about other USD Independent Study Courses is available at: www.usd-online.org.

Section A2 - How to Proceed

- **Read the Course Objective – A3**
- **Read all Assignments**
- **Read Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) – A4**
- **Visit** and investigate all required sites
- **Complete** all parts of **Assignments**
- **Make copies** of all course work for your records.
**Your mailed assignments will not be returned to you.*
- **Complete and Sign Passport/Affidavit Form** and mail with all completed

Assignments to: **USD Continuing Education**
Attn: Grader – Experiencing America Series
210 Bordeaux Court
El Dorado Hills, CA 95762

Section A3 - Course Objective / Grading Rubric

I. OBJECTIVE

After viewing, studying and reflecting on the required site(s) for this course, the participant will show that due to his/her participation he/she now has a greater understanding of the “American Experience.”

II. GRADING RUBRIC

Exemplary: A+ to A-	Acceptable: B+ to B-	Unacceptable: Must be resubmitted
Reflective, thoughtful ideas relevant to the assignment are clearly stated	Presents some relevant ideas and connections to the assignment	Ideas are not clear or relevant
Very well organized and assignments are well labeled	Is generally well organized and assignments are well labeled	Shows little or no organization and assignments are poorly labeled.
Reflective pieces cover numerous facts and specific details of the learning experience	Some facts and specific details of learning experiences are included	Few or no facts or specific details of the learning experience are included
Free of spelling and/or grammatical errors	Writing contains a few spelling and/or grammatical errors	Numerous spelling and/or grammatical errors. Difficult to read

Section A4 - Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

- Q. Whom do I contact if I have a question about the content of this course?
A. You can e-mail questions to amex@usd-online.org or phone (916) 939-2449.
- Q. How much time do I have to complete this course?
A. You have nine months from the time of registration to complete all coursework.
- Q. What if an emergency occurs and I need more than 9 months to complete my coursework?
A. Please e-mail sandiego@usd-online.org or call (619) 260-4585 to request an extension. If one is granted, *it is final*.
- Q. What if I change my name or address during this time.
A. Login to your account at www.usd-online.org and edit your contact information as soon as possible AND also update your address with our receptionist by calling (619) 260-4585.
- Q. Can I use both sides of the paper in completing the assignments?
A. No. Although it may save paper, it makes your paper more difficult to read and may lead to a second side being missed in the grading process.
- Q. Can I send completed work via e-mail or on a disk?
A. No. All work must be sent in as hard copies. For your own protection, please make sure to keep copies of ALL your work. Your mailed assignments will not be returned to you.
- Q. Can I send in each assignment as I complete it?
A. No. All assignments must be sent in together upon completion of the entire course.
- Q. What do I do when I have completed all the required coursework?
A. There is a list of required assignments on the Passport/Affidavit Form. Check to make sure you have completed all items listed and have placed responses on separate pages with appropriate label at the top of the page (example: B1 - Assignment Title). Fill out the Passport/Affidavit Form and sign and date the form. Arrange the Assignments in numerical order and place the Passport/Affidavit Form on top. Mail all Assignments, along with the signed Passport/Affidavit Form to:

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- Q. Is there a required sequence for taking courses in the Experiencing America Series?
A. No. Each course is independent.

***Please note that the written assignments must be typed if possible, double-spaced on 8 ½" x 11" standard copy paper using 12 pt. font. Hand-written papers must be legible and easy to read.**

Part B - Assignments

All completed **Assignments** must be placed on separate pages with the appropriate label at the top (example B1 – Assignment title) and mailed together for grading.

Please place **Passport/ Affidavit Form** on top of all **Assignments**.

Historic Little Rock

Sites to Visit in Little Rock Arkansas:

Historic Arkansas Museum – 200 East Third Street

Old State House Museum – 300 West Markham

Little Rock Central High School National Historic Site Visitor Center
2125 South Daisy L. Gatson Bates Drive

B1 – Living in the 19th Century

Visit the Historic Arkansas Museum at 200 East Third Street.

- Explore the Pre civil War houses on the museum grounds.
- Interact with the living history characters and see first-hand how early residents lived.
- Examine artifacts of the past.

After completing the above: Imagine living in Arkansas during the first half of the 19th century. Make a statement about how your life would be different from what you are experiencing in the first half of the 21st century.

Label Assignment B1 – Living in the 19th Century

B2 – Arkansas Toothpick

Visit the Knife Gallery in the Historic Arkansas Museum. Make a statement about the influence of James Black upon Arkansas and the Western Frontier.

Label Assignment B2 –Arkansas Toothpick

B3 – It Caught My Eye

Visit the Trinity Gallery in the Historic Arkansas Museum. Describe three pieces of art that intrigued you. For each state, state the title and/or type of art, the creator and why, for you, it stood out from the others.

Label Assignment B3 – It Caught My Eye

B4 – Environmental Influence

Visit the Old State House Museum, 300 West Markham Street. Take notice of the building and its Greek Revival Structure and how the inside rooms are decorated. What effect did the décor of the Old State House Museum have upon you?

Label Assignment B4 – Environmental Influence

Part B Assignments continued

B5 – Surprising Women

Visit Rooms 4 and 5 in the Old State House Museum and study the influence of women on Arkansas state history. What did you find most surprising about this exhibit and why?

Label Assignment B5 – Surprising Women

B6 – Arkansas Gift

In the Old State House Museum find the following two exhibits:

- *On the Stump*
- *Send You Back to Arkansas*

After viewing these two exhibits, choose what you think has been Arkansas' greatest gift to the nation. Why?

Label Assignment B6 – Arkansas Gift

B7 – What Would I Buy?

Visit the gift shop at the Old State House Museum. Pretend that you were given a one hundred dollar grant to buy classroom materials at the Old State House Museum gift shop. List what you would buy and state why. (Note – Do not spend time making sure the total comes exactly to \$100.)

Label Assignment B7 – What Would I Buy?

B8 – Walk in My Shoes

Visit the Little Rock Central High School National Historic Site Visitor Center at 2125 South Daisy L. Gatson Bates Drive.

Describe how you think you would have felt if you were one of the nine teenagers who were escorted into Central High on September 25, 1957. If you are old enough to remember this incident when it occurred, detail your memories of that time. If not, ask someone who does recall when the media was full of this news to tell you about their memories of that moment in history.

Label Assignment B8 – Walk in My Shoes



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Passport/Affidavit Form

Ask a representative at each site to sign/stamp and date in the space below.

In addition, attach to this page any other evidence you have to document your experience. You can use items such as tickets (or photos of tickets) and photos of you in and around the required sites.

Instructions:

- Complete the Student Information section
- Sign and date the Passport/Affidavit Form
- Place the Passport/Affidavit Form on top of all Assignments and mail to:
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Student Information

Name _____ SS# (last 4 digits) _____

Address _____
Street _____ City _____ State/zip _____

Phone (____) _____ E-mail _____

District _____ School _____

Grade level/subject _____

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| <input type="checkbox"/> B1 –Living in the 19 Century | <input type="checkbox"/> B4 –Environmental Influence | <input type="checkbox"/> B7 – What Would I Buy |
| <input type="checkbox"/> B2 –Arkansas Toothpick | <input type="checkbox"/> B5 –Surprising Women | <input type="checkbox"/> B8 – Walk in My Shoes |
| <input type="checkbox"/> B3 –It Caught My Eye | <input type="checkbox"/> B6 –Arkansas Gift | |

I _____ verify that I did visit **ALL REQUIRED SITES** for **The South – Historic Little Rock EDU 590DC** and **ALL WRITTEN RESPONSES** are my own original comments.

Signature _____ Date _____

OFFICE USE: Grade _____ By _____ Date _____