



Experiencing America Series

California and the West – Radio, Movies and Television - EDU 590DK

Part A

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

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, California and the West, consists of several one semester unit courses: **Spanish Influence EDU 590ER**, **Historic California EDU 590ES**, **Gold Rush EDU 590ET**, **Radio, Movies and Television, EDU 590DK**, **Novels and Newspapers EDU 590EU**, **Nixon Library and Museum EDU 590EV**, and **Reagan Library and Museum EDU 590DJ**.

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.

***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.**

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: Experiencing America Grader
210 Bordeaux Court
El Dorado Hills, CA 95762**

Coursework mailed requiring signature at receipt may be delayed.

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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El Dorado Hills, CA 95762**
- Q. Is there a required sequence for taking courses in the Experiencing America Series?
A. **No. Each course is independent.**

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**.

Visit the following sites:

The Paley Center for Media (formerly The Museum of Television & Radio)

465 North Beverly Drive
Beverly Hills, CA 90210
(310) 786-1000

Corriganville

Smith Street in Simi Valley, CA
Directions: See Section B2 for full website info.

Warner Bros. Studios

3400 Riverside Drive
Burbank, CA 91505
(818) 977-8687

I The Paley Center for Media

This unique Museum collects programming—radio shows, television programs, and commercial advertisements in both media—and makes that programming available to the general public. It has over 120,000 programs and advertisements, covering more than eighty-five years of television and radio history (beginning with a 1918 speech by labor leader Samuel Gompers). The collection spans all genres: comedy, drama, news, public affairs, performing arts, children’s, sports, reality, animation, and documentary, and includes a significant international presence, with seven thousand assets from seventy countries.

B1 – My Experience

Have fun exploring these two unusual media formats and tell about your experience.

Label Assignment B1 – My Experience

II Corriganville

In Simi Valley, California

From Interstate 5 go west on the 118 Freeway.

Turn left onto Kuchmer.

Proceed to Smith Road and turn left.

Continue until this street ends, and

then take a left turn into a parking lot and go to the end.

You are now at the present site of the Corrigan movie ranch known as Corriganville. Today, Corriganville is under the direction of the City of Simi Valley and Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District. In 1953 William Ehrheart stated that Corriganville was listed among the top ten places to see in the United States. You will notice a number of hiking trails with a few signs describing some of the history of the area. To get the most out of your visit as well as to complete the assignment, you will need to read about what Corriganville used to be like.

The following websites will assist your research:

- <http://employees.oxy.edu/jerry/corrigan/history.htm>
- <http://www.surfnetinc.com/chuck/triofind.htm>
- <http://www.surfnetinc.com/chuck/corvllle.htm>

Hike around the trails and read the signs. You will be amazed when you begin to imagine the ghosts of Tarzan, Robin Hood and scores of western heroes swinging, riding and fighting their way through the camera and into your memory. **NOTE: No ranger or recreation person is on hand to direct you...you are on your own...so be safe, have fun and use your own initiative and imagination!**

B2 – Past & Present

Write a one to two page description of the difference between what you have read about Corriganville and what it is today.

Label Assignment B2 – Past & Present

III Warner Bros. Studios

In this assignment you will visit Warner Bros. Movie Studios at 3400 Riverside Drive in Burbank, CA.

B3 – Illusions

Take the Warner Bros. movie studio tour and compare and contrast the movie illusions viewed at the Warner Bros. Studio (man made setting) with those viewed in Corriganville (natural setting).

Label Assignment B3 – Illusions

B4 – Influences

In your opinion, what influences did the radio, movie and television industries have upon the development of our country?

Label Assignment B4 – Influences

- ***YOUR SUMMARY AND EVALUATION OF THIS COURSE***

- ***PLEASE LIST ANY HELPFUL CHANGES OR ANY NEEDED EDITS THAT WILL BENEFIT FUTURE TEACHERS TAKING THIS COURSE – THANK YOU!***



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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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210 Bordeaux Court
El Dorado Hills, CA 95762

Student Information

Name _____ SS# (last 4 digits) _____

Address _____
Street _____ City _____ State/zip _____

Phone (____) _____ E-mail _____

District _____ School _____

Grade level/subject _____

B1 –My Experience

B3 –Illusions

B2 –Past and Present

B4 –Influences

I _____ verify that I did visit **ALL REQUIRED SITES** for **Radios, Movies and Television EDU590DK** and **ALL WRITTEN RESPONSES** are my own original comments.

Signature _____

Date _____

OFFICE USE: Grade _____ By _____ Date _____