



University of San Diego

CONTINUING EDUCATION
PROGRAMS FOR EDUCATORS

Experiencing America Series

New York – Experiencing America in Manhattan

EDU 590DQ

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, New York, consists of 5 one semester unit courses: Tarrytown Homes EDU 590DP, Hyde Park EDU 590DE, Roosevelt Library and Museum EDU 590DD, Experiencing America in Manhattan EDU 590DQ, and America's Gate EDU 590DR.

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 Alcala 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.

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:**

**USD Continuing Education
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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**.

Experiencing America in Manhattan

Required sites:

- Museum of Jewish Heritage
A Living Memorial to the Holocaust
36 Battery Place
Battery Park City, New York
(646) 437-4200
www.mihnyc.org
- Skyscraper Museum
39 Battery Place
Battery Park City, New York
(212)968-1961
www.skyscraper.org
- Museum of American Finance
48 Wall Street
Lower Manhattan
(212)908-4110
www.financialhistory.org

PART I: Museum of Jewish Heritage-A Living Memorial to the Holocaust

B1- Teacher Materials

Contact the Museum before arriving and indicate that you are a teacher and taking this course. Ask for the packet of materials that is available to teachers and if it would be possible for you to visit with one of the Museum's educational specialists. Also request access to the teaching materials in the Teacher Resource Center.

Contact: Education Department
Museum of Jewish Heritage-A Living Memorial to the Holocaust
36 Battery Place
Battery Park City, New York 10280
(646) 437-4295
www.mihnyc.org

Express your thoughts about the value of the materials received and the Teaching Materials Library.

Label this Assignment B1- Teacher Materials

B2-B4 – The Museum

The museum is divided into three levels. Level One explores Jewish Family life and Traditions (1880-1930); Level Two, The Holocaust (1930-1945) ; and Level Three the Renewal (1945-Present).

You are given complete freedom to express yourself concerning these three levels. You will write three separate papers each from one to two pages in length and labeled as follows:

B2 – Jewish Life a Century Ago (Level 1)

B3 – The War Against Jews (Level 2)

B4 – Jewish Renewal (Level 3)

Part II The Skyscrapers

B5 – Design and Work

After viewing the Skyscrapers Museum, explain how the 20th century skyscraper design influenced human work space and lifestyle. If the Museum is not open, take a picture of yourself outside the museum and attach to this page. And go to www.skyscraper.org/nym for information.

Label Assignment B5 – Design and Work

B6 – Your Skyscraper

Visit a Manhattan skyscraper of your choice. Attach a photo of you in front of this skyscraper. From information obtained at the museum and at the building site itself, give details about your skyscraper – describe it – give its history and share details of why you choose this particular skyscraper.

Label Assignment B6 – Your Skyscraper

Part III Museum of American Finance

B7 – Influence

After viewing the museum and obtaining information there, briefly explain how the New York Stock Exchange, the Commodity Features Exchange and the sale of bonds has influenced the development of our country.

Label Assignment B7 – Influence

B8 – Most Interesting

What was the most interesting aspect of the museum not incorporated in your B7 response? If the museum is closed, take a photo of you in front of the Wall Street Bull and go to www.financialhistory.org for information.

Label Assignment B8 – Most Interesting



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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 _____

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| <input type="checkbox"/> B1 –Teacher Materials | <input type="checkbox"/> B3- The War Against Jews | <input type="checkbox"/> B6- Your Skyscraper |
| <input type="checkbox"/> B2 –Jewish Life a
Century Ago | <input type="checkbox"/> B4- Jewish Renewal | <input type="checkbox"/> B7- Influence |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> B5- Design & Work | <input type="checkbox"/> B8- Most Interesting |

I _____ verify that I did visit **ALL REQUIRED SITES** for **Experiencing America in Manhattan EDU 590DQ** and **ALL WRITTEN RESPONSES** are my own original comments.

Signature _____ Date _____

OFFICE USE: Grade _____ By _____ Date _____