



Experiencing America Series

New York – America's Gate EDU 590DR

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 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.

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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***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.**

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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**.

America's Gate

PART I: STATUE OF LIBERTY

You can only reach Liberty Island and Ellis Island from the ferry from Battery Park in lower Manhattan. The cost of the ferry ride includes admission to both Ellis Island Museum and Lady Liberty. There can be long lines to buy tickets and board the ferry; therefore it is recommended that you buy the tickets in advance via www.statueoflibertyferry.com. Even if you have tickets, because of security procedures, plan to arrive 30 minutes before departure time. Do not plan on going on the last ferry of the day because you will not have enough time to visit both the statue and the Ellis Island Museum.

B1- History

Once on Liberty Island you can explore the statue from ground level and then enter the base to visit the museum. From information obtained from the museum, outline the history of this magnificent structure.

Label Assignment B1 – History.

B2 – Freedom and Potential

While viewing the statue from the ferry and on the grounds of the island, tap into your emotions. Describe what you think early immigrants may have felt upon first seeing the Statue of Liberty as their ship came into the harbor.

Label Assignment B2 – Freedom and Potential

PART II: ELLIS ISLAND IMMIGRATION MUSEUM

B3 – Hope and Tears

Upon arriving at the museum, view the 30 minute introductory film “Island of Hope, Island of Tears.” Make a short statement (1/2 page) of why the film is titled “Island of Hope, Island of Tears.”

Label Assignment B6- Hope and Tears

B4 – An Emotional Roller Coaster

Fully explore the museum. This will take at least three hours. You will come across many facts and artifacts but the real experience is an emotional one. Imagine that it is April 17, 1907. You are one of 11,747 souls who were processed that day, and you are about to pass through America's gate and head for a tenement in the lower east side. Capture your **feelings** in a one page response.

Label Assignment B4- An Emotional Roller Coaster

PART III – LOWER EAST SIDE TENEMENT MUSEUM

B5- Cyberspace

Before seeing the museum, take a virtual tour of the tenement at www.tenement.org. Write a short reaction (1/2 page) to this cyberspace experience.

Label Assignment B5-Cyberspace

B6- The Picture

You are required to take the “Getting By” tour at the Lower East Side Tenement Museum. This will take about one hour. However, we recommend that once you are there, you take advantage of as many tours and activities as possible.

During the “Getting By” tour, you will visit the Baldizzi Family apartment from the 1930’s. You will find two portraits in the apartment. One is FDR. Who is the other one? Justify the picture of FDR being a symbol of what people who lived in the lower east end in the 1930’s felt about the New Deal and Franklin D. Roosevelt. Use both fact (New Deal Program) and feelings to answer the one to two page justification.

Label Assignment B6- The Picture



Experiencing America Series New York – America’s Gate EDU 590DR 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 _____

B1 – History

B2 – Freedom and Potential

B3 – Hope and Tears

B4 - An Emotional Roller Coaster

B5- Cyberspace

B6 – The Picture

I _____ verify that I did visit **ALL REQUIRED SITES** for **New York – Americas Gate EDU 590DR** and **ALL WRITTEN RESPONSES** are my own original comments.

Signature _____

Date _____

OFFICE USE: Grade _____ By _____ Date _____