



# University of San Diego

CONTINUING EDUCATION  
PROGRAMS FOR EDUCATORS

## Experiencing America Series

### California and the West –Novels and Newspapers

EDU 590EU

### 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](http://www.usd-online.org).

This section, California and the West, consists of 7 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](http://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](http://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

<b>Exemplary: A+ to A-</b>	<b>Acceptable: B+ to B-</b>	<b>Unacceptable: Must be resubmitted</b>
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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://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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Attn: Experiencing America Grader  
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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**.

### Novels and Newspapers

Visit the following sites:

**The National Steinbeck Center**

One Main Street  
Salinas, CA  
(813) 796-3833

**California Views Photo Archives**

*Mr. Pat Hathaway, Photo Archivist*  
469 Pacific Street  
Monterey, CA  
(831) 373-3811

**Hearst San Simeon**

State Historical Monuments  
750 Hearst Castle Road  
San Simeon, CA  
(805) 927-2020

#### Part I The National Steinbeck Center

Nobel Prize author John Steinbeck immortalized the Salinas Valley through his novels.

**B1 – B4** From information acquired in the center, indicate how the following four novels contribute to understanding the American experience.

**B1 – East of Eden**

*Label Assignment B1 – East of Eden*

**B2 – Cannery Row**

*Label Assignment B2 – Cannery Row*

**B3 – Of Mice and Men**

*Label Assignment B3 – Of Mice and Men*

**B4 – The Grapes of Wrath**

*Label Assignment B4 – The Grapes of Wrath*

## Part II California Views Photo Archives

Here you can view over 700 catalogued photos of author John Steinbeck's cannery row and other historic Monterey scenes.

### **B5 - The Illustration**

Pick one photo that you think would make a good illustration for one of the above four Steinbeck novels. Name the novel, describe the photo, and explain why it would make a good illustration.

***Label Assignment B5 – The Illustration***

## Part III Hearst Castle

**B6 & B7** After taking one of the Hearst Castle tours, describe the physical grounds and buildings as well as your emotional journey (feelings).

### **B6 – Physical**

***Label Assignment B6 - Physical***

### **B7 - Feelings**

***Label Assignment B7 – Feelings***

### **B8 – The Story**

Tell the story of how the newspaper baron, William Randolph Hearst, and famed San Francisco architect, Julia Morgan, created this very unusual structure on the Enchanted Hill of San Simeon.

***Label Assignment B8 – The Story***



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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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 Attn: Experiencing America Grader  
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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 –East of Eden  
 B2 –Cannery Row

B3 –Of Mice & Men  
 B4 –The Grapes of Wrath

B5 –The Illustration  
 B6 –Physical

B7 – Feelings  
 B8 – The Story

I \_\_\_\_\_ verify that I did visit **ALL REQUIRED SITES** for **Novels & Newspapers EDU 590EU** and **ALL WRITTEN RESPONSES** are my own original comments.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

OFFICE USE: Grade \_\_\_\_\_ By \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_