



Experiencing America Series

Pacific Northwest –Pig in an Island EDU 590GA

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 **Pacific Northwest**, consists of 4 one semester unit courses: **Seattle Entrepreneurs** EDU 590EY, **Pacific Rim Influence** EDU 590EZ, **Pig in an Island** EDU 590GA, and **Native American Culture** EDU 590GB.

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. USD Continuing Education does not fax or overnight transcripts, so please allow 3-4 weeks for evaluation and to receive your transcript by U.S. Mail.

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 1/2 " x 11" standard copy paper using 12 pt. font. Hand-written papers must be legible and easy to read.**

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 |
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| 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 I change my name or address during this time.
A. If you change your name or mailing address, please call (619) 260-4585 as soon as possible to alert us so that we may update your records AND also update your website account information at www.usd-online.org.
- 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.
- 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.

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**.

Pacific Northwest - Pig in an Island

The San Juan Islands lie within the Straits of Juan de Fuca within waters that shimmer of fresh sea breezes coupled with the sun's golden light and the moon's silver streak. On its most populous island, San Juan Island, you can experience the only real town on the islands – Friday Harbor. Not far from Friday Harbor is the San Juan Island National Historic Park with its Visitor Center and the English and American Camp sites. These three sites are destination stops on your inquiry into an incident in history that almost caused a war between the United States and Great Britain over a pig.

After touring and studying the Visitor Center, the English Camp, and the American Camp, complete Assignments B1 - B6.

B1 – The Pig War

From information obtained from the Visitor Center, give the reasons for and the results of the Pig War.

B2 – The Letter

You are a young British soldier in the English Camp, and you are writing a letter home to your mother explaining where you are and what the camp is like. Present the letter.

B3 – The Plans

You have apprehended a spy who was trying to deliver the plans of the American Camp to the British. Reproduce those plans that you handed over to Captain Pickett.

B4 – Captain Pickett

In another Experiencing America course (Philadelphia and Boston Area) assignments B5-B7 in the Pennsylvania and the Civil War section, deal with an assault on Cemetery Ridge called Pickett's Charge. Is this the same Captain Pickett? Explain your answer and give some details of his life.

B5 – Be Creative

You are a cartoonist, poet, songwriter, satirist or any other type of creative communicator making a statement about the Pig War. Create your communications here. (Be free to risk and remember that art is in the eye of the beholder).

B6 – Does History Repeat Itself?

Part of the justification of the Mexican War revolved around disputed land when President Polk said that "American blood was spilt on American soil." Compare and contrast that historical incident with what happened near Friday Harbor in the San Juan Islands in 1859.



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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 _____

B1 – Pig War
 B2 – The Letter

B3 – The Plans
 B4 - Captain Pickett

B5 – Be Creative
 B6 - Does History Repeat Itself?

_____ verify that I did visit **all required sites** for **EDU 590GA – Pig in an Island** and **all written responses** are my own original comments.

Signature _____ Date _____

OFFICE USE: Grade _____ By _____ Date _____