



## Experiencing America Series

### The South – Chattanooga: Public/Private Partnerships

EDU 590GH

#### Part A

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

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

This section, The South, consists of 9 one semester unit courses: **Historic Atlanta EDU 590EC**, **Civil War Atlanta EDU 590ED**, **Entrepreneurial Atlanta EDU 590EE**, **Atlanta Author and Politician EDU590 EF**, **Atlanta and the Civil Rights Struggle EDU 590EG**, **Clinton Library and Museum EDU 590DA**, **Historic Little Rock EDU 590DC**, **Chattanooga: Public/Private Partnerships EDU 590GH** and **Nashville-American Culture EDU 590GI**.

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. 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](http://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: 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](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 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](http://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](mailto:sandiego@usd-online.org) or call (619) 260-4585 to request an extension. If one is granted, *it is final*.
- 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  
Attn: Experiencing America Grader  
210 Bordeaux Court  
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**.

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Visit the Chattanooga Choo Choo Museum at 1400 Market Street. Take a picture of you next to one of the trains and attach it to B1.

#### **B1 – Rebirth**

Two dozen local investors created a family vacation complex out of an old song and railroad Station. Relate your experience of visiting the complex.

#### ***Label Assignment B1 – Rebirth***

#### **B2 – TVA**

Visit the TVA building at 1101 Market Street. Attach a picture of you at the building. Go inside and see what kind of information you can obtain about the history of the TVA and how it benefited the Tennessee Valley area. If you are unable to receive information, go online and Google TVA-History. Write about how this public venture was run as if it was a private one and how successful it has been.

#### ***Label Assignment B2 –Impact***

#### **B3 – Tennessee Riverpark**

Visit the Visitor's Center in downtown Chattanooga in the city plaza. Obtain a signature for the affidavit. Ask about the Tennessee Riverpark and its public/private partnership. ([www.hamiltontn.gov/riverpark](http://www.hamiltontn.gov/riverpark)). Now go out and experience one of the world's finest river front areas. Walk along the river front, see the aquarium, experience Bluff View Art District, go across the walking bridge, participate in Renaissance and Coolidge Park, but, most important of all, just relax and enjoy this area. Take three pictures of you enjoying the Riverpark and make brief statements about each picture. Lastly, write a statement about how you think your home area could be improved through public/private cooperative partnerships.

#### ***Label Assignment B3 – Tennessee Riverpark***



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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:  
 USD Continuing Education  
 Attention: Experiencing America Grader  
 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 –Rebirth       B2 –TVA       B3 –Tennessee Riverpark

I \_\_\_\_\_ verify that I did visit **ALL REQUIRED SITES** for this course **EDU 590 GH** and **ALL WRITTEN RESPONSES** are my own original comments.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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