

**J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College
Course Content Summary**

Course Prefix and Number: HIS 269

Credits: 3

Course Title: Civil War and Reconstruction

Course Description: Studies factors that led to the division between the states. Examines the war, the home fronts, and the era of Reconstruction. Prerequisite: Placement in ENG 111 or Placement in Co-requisites ENG 111 or EDE 11. Lecture 3 hours per week.

General Course Purpose:

Course Prerequisites and Co-requisites:

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Student Learning Outcomes:

Upon completing the course, the student will be able to

- a. Demonstrate an ability to select from the materials and sources the relevant information needed to explain and interpret major events, battles and campaigns, personalities, and institutional and intellectual changes of the Civil War and Reconstruction;
- b. Demonstrate the ability to compare, contrast, and synthesize significant historical concepts and interpretations of the era;
- c. Grasp a broad overview and appreciation of the era's successes and failures;
- d. Understand the impact that social institutions have on individuals and culture--past, present, and future;
- e. Evaluate information and its sources critically and incorporate selected information into his or her knowledge base and value system;
- f. Determine whether certain conclusions or consequences are supported by the information provided; and
- g. Evaluate the strengths and relevance of arguments on a particular question or issue.

Major Topic to Be Included:

- a. Historiography---Historians Assess Causation
- b. The Events Leading to War
- c. The War---Military, Domestic, Diplomatic
- d. Reconstructing a Nation

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