

History and Culture of the United States of America
(AJ47001)

Essay Questions

You are to answer both of the questions below. Each answer should be a minimum of 1000 words long. You should use as references the readings available to you both in ELF and on the IS page for this course. You may also use additional materials if you so choose.

1. How does United States Indian policy after 1830 reflect economic and social conditions through time? In other words, how was each act of legislation or Supreme Court decision influenced by economic and social factors within American society? Be specific.
2. Discuss how a specific immigrant or minority group (e.g. African Americans, Hispanic immigrants, Jewish immigrants, Asian immigrants, Czech immigrants etc.) has dealt with the issue of "Americanization" in the twentieth century using an example or examples from popular culture (film, literature, television, art). To what extent does the group you are looking at seek to establish an identity outside or within the mainstream ideal of "American" based on the concept of the "Melting Pot"?