

History 212-03
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This course will survey both chronologically and topically the history of the United States from the end of the Civil War to the present. We will seek to understand the events of our history in terms of individual decisions and the forces that shaped them, creating our unique American culture.

1. Required texts: Alan Brinkley, American History, A Survey. Vol.II Since 1865. Tenth Edition. John H. Cary, Julius Weinburg, The Social Fabric: American Life from the Civil War to the Present. Vol.II. Ninth Edition. Both are available in paperback from the campus and Addams bookstores. The first chapter cited in your reading assignments refer to the Brinkley text; Cary assignments follow on designated days. It is VERY important for you to read your assignments before coming to class.
2. Attendance: You are expected to attend class regularly. (You are responsible for material presented in lectures which may not be in the text.) More than 3 unexcused absences will adversely affect your grade. After 5 unexcused absences, you will be dropped from the class. To be excused, you must contact me within 48 hours of your absence. Most acceptable excuse: you are too ill to be in class.
3. Cary essays (in The Social Fabric): You should read each of these before coming to class on the day they are assigned. After reading the essay, write a one-page summary of it (not including material in its introduction). You will turn in the first four of these summaries on Oct. 9, the second set on Nov.18. We will discuss each of them in class, led by those students assigned for that essay. Your summaries and class discussion of them is 20% of your final grade.
4. Tests and grades: There will be two one-hour tests and a final exam, which is cumulative. You will be given study guides for each. The tests are each 20% of your final grade, the summaries are 20%, and the exam is 40%.
5. Required student conference: I want to see each of you in my office for a short conference early in the semester. Freshman will have their conference before the first test, the rest of you shortly thereafter. I will pass sign-up sheets. These are required; you are welcome to come in for another conference at any time.

CLASS SCHEDULE

Aug.19 Introduction

Aug.21 Ch.15, Reconstruction.

Aug.23 Ch.15, The New South

Aug.26 Ch.16, The Far West.

Aug.28 Ch.16, Cowboys, Indians, farmers.

*Aug.30 Ch.17, Industry grows; the "Robber barons". Cary, Ch.2, *The Reservation and the Destruction of Indian Culture*

Sept.2 NO CLASS

Sept.4 Ch.17, Working people.

Sept.6 Ch.18, Cities.

*Sept.9 Ch.18, Leisure; consumerism. Cary, Ch.6, *The City at the Turn of the Century*
 Sept.11 Ch.19, read whole chapter: parties, politics and Populism
 Sept.13 Ch.20, American imperialism
 Sept.16 Ch.20, The Spanish-American War
 Sept.18 Ch.21, Progressivism
 Sept.20 Ch.21, Progressivism
 Sept.23 TEST
 Sept.25 Ch.22, Teddy Roosevelt, the “wild man”
 Sept.27 Ch.22, Woodrow Wilson, the scholar as president
 Sept.30 Ch.23, World War I, the “war to end all wars”
 Oct.2 Ch.23, WWI
 *Oct.4 Ch.24, The new era. Cary, Ch.12, *Women Take to the Road*
 *Oct.7 Ch.24, The new era. Cary, Ch.10, *The Ku Klux Klan*
 *Oct.9 Ch.25, The Great Crash. Turn in first four Cary summaries.
 *Oct.11 Ch.25, The Great Depression. Cary, Ch.13, *Nation Confronts the Great Depression*
 FALL BREAK
 Oct.16 Ch.26, The New Deal
 Oct.18 Ch.26, The Second New Deal
 Oct.21 Ch.27, Global crisis
 Oct.23 Video: *The Dictator and the Democrat*
 Oct.25 Ch.28, World War I
 Oct.28 Ch.28, WWI
 Oct.30 TEST
 *Nov.1 Ch.29, The Cold War. Cary, Ch.16, *The GI Bill of Rights*
 Nov.4 Ch.29, The Cold War; Second Red Scare
 Nov.6 Ch.30, The affluent society
 Nov.8 Ch.30, The Other America
 Nov.11 Ch.31, Ordeal of liberalism: Camelot and after
 *Nov.13 Ch.31, Ordeal if liberalism. Cary, Ch.18, *The Struggle for Civil Rights*
 *Nov.15 Ch.31, Vietnam. Cary, Ch.20, *Vietnam and After*
 *Nov.18 Ch.32, Crisis of authority. Turn in Cary summaries.
 Nov.20 Ch.32, Nixon in China; Watergate
 Nov.22 Ch.33, The “Age of Limits”
 Nov.25 Ch.33, The Reagan revolution
 THANKSGIVING
 Dec.2 Ch.34, Modern times
 Dec.4 Ch.34, Modern times
 Dec.6 The Twenty-first century
 Dec.9 Review

Exam: Wednesday, Dec.11, 12 noon

