

History 212-04  
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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. Eighth Edition. Both are available in paperback from the campus and Addams bookstores. The page numbers in your reading assignments refer to the Brinkley text; Cary assignments are listed by chapter. 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.
3. Journals: In a spiral notebook you are to write a one-page summary of each assigned Cary essay. Write your summary immediately after reading the essay, summarizing what the author wants you to understand. Do NOT use the introduction to the essay in your summary. These summaries should be torn out, stapled together, and handed in on March 4 and April 22. We will be discussing several of these essays in class, so it is important to get them read on time. You may want to read them in advance when you have some spare time, as several come close together in the assignments.
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 sets of journal summaries are each 10%, and the exam is 40%. Your contributions in class will also affect your grade.

\*Whenever you need a conference, I am available. Ask me, and we will set up a mutually convenient time. The easiest way to contact me between classes is by e-mail, using my AOL address given above.

#### CLASS SCHEDULE

Jan.14 Introduction

Jan. 16 Reconstruction. 507-523.

Jan. 18 The New South. 523-539.

Jan. 21 NO CLASS

Jan. 23 The Great West. 556-571.

\*Jan. 19 Cowboys, Indians, farmers. 571-590. Cary, Chapter 2, *The Reservation and Destruction of Indian Culture*

Jan. 25 Industrialization: the "robber barons". 595-610.

\*Jan.28 Working people. 613-621. Cary, Chapter 4, *Labor in the Gilded Age*.

Jan.30 Cities. 625-639.  
\*Feb.1 Leisure; consumerism. 639-658. Cary, Chapter 6, *The City at the Turn of the Century*.  
Feb.4 Parties, politics, and Populists. 663-687.  
Feb.6 American imperialism. 691-702.  
Feb.8 American imperialism. 702-711.  
Feb.11 Progressivism. 717-728.  
Feb.13 Progressivism. 728-744.  
Feb.15 Teddy Roosevelt: the “wild man”. 749-760.  
Feb.18 TEST  
Feb.20 Woodrow Wilson: scholar as president. 761-772.  
Feb.22 World War I: the war to end all wars. 775-792.  
Feb.25 WWI. 792-804.  
Feb.27 The new era. 809-826.  
\*March 1 The new era. 827-836. Cary, Chapter 10, *The Ku Klux Klan*.  
\*March 4 The Great Depression. 841-866. Turn in Cary summaries.  
\*March 6 The Great Depression. 867-871. Cary, Chapter 13, *Nation Confronts the Great Depression*.  
March 8 The New Deal. 875-885.  
SPRING BREAK  
March 18 The Second New Deal. 885-902.  
March 20 Global Crisis. 907-914.  
March 22 Global Crisis. 914-925. Video:*The Dictator and the Democrat*.  
March 25 World War II. 931-941.  
March 27 World War II. 941-958.  
March 29 NO CLASS  
April 1 The Cold War. 963-974.  
April 3 TEST  
April 5 The Cold War. 974-989.  
April 8 The affluent society. 993-1012.  
April 10 The Other America. 1012-1025.  
April 12 The ordeal of liberalism. 1031-1038.  
\*April 15 Civil Rights movement. 1038-1044. Cary, Chapter 18, *The Struggle for Civil Rights*.  
April 17 Video: *Birmingham*  
\*April 19 Vietnam. 1044-1062. Cary, Chapter 20, *Vietnam—And After*.  
\*April 22 Crisis of authority. 1067-1084. Turn in Cary essays.  
April 24 Watergate. 1084-1101.  
April 26 Age of limits. 1105-1123.  
April 29 Modern times. 1127-1140.  
May 1 Modern times. 1140-1159.  
May 3 After 9/11/01—a discussion  
May 6 Review. Exam: May 10, 12p.m.

