

HISTORY 212
THE US SINCE 1865
Spring 2002

Monday and Wednesday 2:00 – 3:15
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This course is an overview and general survey of the development of the US since 1865. The course covers Reconstruction, Industrialization, Immigration, Urbanization, The Civil Rights Movement, Vietnam, and the Rise of the New Right. In studying these topics, we will focus on political and economic changes, the impact of war, social movements, and the overarching elements of race, class, gender, and region. Many topics and events will be covered broadly, while other major themes will be discussed in detail.

REQUIREMENTS

The written assignments consist of two essay exams (midterm and final), each worth 25 percent of the final course grade and two interpretive essays, also worth 25 percent each. Additionally, students are expected to complete all reading assignments and be prepared to participate in class discussions. Unannounced quizzes will be given for extra credit at the instructor's discretion and will center upon the readings in Link and Wheeler. There will be no other extra credit assignments.

Each essay must be 5-7 pages, typewritten and double-spaced. It should address your interpretation and understanding of the assigned subject/topic. Look for themes that reflect the content of the course, particularly regarding race, class, gender, and region. Feel free to use the assigned readings and any additional works to place your interpretation in the context of the period of study for this course.

REGULAR ATTENDANCE IS EXPECTED! THERE WILL BE NO MAKEUP EXAMS WITHOUT SPECIAL PERMISSION FROM THE INSTRUCTOR IN ADVANCE.

TEXTS

Gary Nash, et.al, The American People: Creating A Nation and A Society
Link and Wheeler, The South in the History of the Nation: Volume II.
Anne Moody, Coming of Age in Mississippi

Schedule of Reading Assignments

- 1/10 Introductions/Housekeeping Matters/Course Overview
- 1/12 Reconstruction
AP Chapter 16/Link Chapter 1
- 1/17 No class – Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday
- 1/19 Urbanization
AP Chapter 17/Link Chapter 2
- 1/24 Industrialization
AP Chapter 18/ Link Chapter 3
- 1/26 Modernization
AP Chapter 19/Link Chapter 5
- 1/31 Politics and Culture during the 1890s
AP Chapter 19/Link Chapter 4
- 2/2 Imperialism
AP Chapter 20
- 2/7 The Progressive Era
AP Chapter 21/Link Chapter 6
- 2/9 World War I
AP Chapter 22/Link Chapter 7
- 2/14 The 1920s
AP Chapter 23/Link Chapter 8
- 2/16 The Harlem Renaissance
Special presentation
- 2/21 The Great Depression
AP Chapter 24/Link Chapter 9
- 2/23 Midterm Examination
- 3/6 World War II
AP Chapter 25/Link Chapter 10
- 3/8 Postwar Changes
AP Chapter 26
- 3/13 The Cold War
AP Chapter 27/Link Chapter 11
- 3/15 The 1950s
AP Chapter 28
- 3/20 The Civil Rights Movement
Link Chapter 12 (all)

- 3/22 The Civil Rights Movement (continued)
Moody (all)
- 3/27 The Civil Rights Movement (continued)
Video – Essays due
- 3/29 1960s Culture and Life
AP Chapter 29
- 4/3 1960s (continued)
- 4/5 1960s (continued)
- 4/10 Vietnam
Link Chapter 13
- 4/12 Vietnam (continued)
- 4/17 Watergate
- 4/19 The Conservative Turn
- 4/24 Watergate
Review AP Chapter 28
- 4/26 The Conservative Turn
AP Chapter 30/Link Chapter 14
- 5/1 Toward the Twenty-First Century
Link Chapter 15

Final Examination – Monday, May 8 12:00-3:00