

History 212	American History 1865 to present	Fall 2004
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Section 02, T/R 11:00-12:15
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Welcome to this class! In History 212, I hope to familiarize you with all the major topics in American History since the end of the Civil War. To do so we will focus on diverse subjects such as politics, race, gender, economics and culture, all the while attempting to understand how historical events touched everyday citizens. For the most part, the course format will be lecture, however I am very interested in your opinion and hope you will express it, and often. We will view History not as a random list of dates and events, but more of a narrative of inter-related events.

Required Text:

Making a Nation: The United States and Its People, Volume II. By Jeanne Boysdton, et al. ** Be sure to get Vol. II, PORTFOLIO EDIDITON (it's the small one).

Grading Policies and Breakdown:

Three Term Exams 60% (20% each)
Reading Quizzes 30%
Class Participation & Attendance 10%

Reading quizzes are completely surprise quizzes. There will be NO MAKEUP of reading quizzes, unless you have an extraordinarily valid and well-documented reason. There will be seven reading quizzes, each worth fifteen points for a total of 100 points (if you just ran that math, you'd realize I'm giving you some free points here.) If you keep with the lectures and reading, these quizzes will be a very easy way to receive points towards your final grade. The three term exams will be a combination of short answer and short essay. They will be based both on the lectures and the assigned readings.

Attendance Policy:

As this is a lecture format course, class attendance is essential. Attendance will be taken each class session by sign up sheet. Class participation points will be a combination of both your attendance and your participation in lecture discussions. No points will be deducted for three (3) unexcused absences; beyond that your participation grade will suffer a ten-point deduction for each class missed. After seven unexcused absences, I reserve the right (given by the registrar's office) to drop you from the course for non-attendance.

Course Schedule

On the flipside of the page is an outline of our schedule, with corresponding readings for each lecture. This is just a planned schedule—we may fall behind or jump ahead.

Date	Class discussion topic	Readings
August 17	Intro & Discussion	
August 19	Reconstruction	Chapter 16
August 24	Westward Expansion	Chapter 17
August 26	Immigration and the Urban Explosion	Chapter 18
August 31	The Gilded Age	↓
September 2	Birth of Party Politics	Chapter 19
September 7	Organized Labor & Unions	↓
September 9	The Agrarian Revolt	↓
September 14	U.S. in the Age of Colonialism	Chapter 20
September 16	Who is Jim Crow?	↓
September 21	First Exam	<i>Good luck!</i>
September 23	Progressivism	Chapter 21
September 28	The New American President	↓
September 30	Election of 1912 & Wilsonian Democracy	↓
October 5	The Great War	Chapter 22
October 7	The Great War, Part II	↓
October 12	Fall Break	<i>Enjoy yourself!</i>
October 14	Versailles and Isolationism	↓
October 19	Do the Twenties Roar?	Chapter 23
October 21	What goes Up....	↓
October 26	The Great Depression	Chapter 24
October 28	Second Exam	<i>Good Luck!</i>
November 2 GO VOTE!	Trouble in Europe	(no reading)
November 4	War At Home	Chapter 25
November 9	The War Over Both Seas	↓
November 11	Winning the Peace	↓
November 16	The Cold War	Chapter 26
November 18	The Myth of the Fifties	Chapter 27
November 23	The Civil Rights Movement	Chapter 28
November 25	Thanksgiving Day Holiday	<i>Enjoy yourself!</i>
November 30	The Turbulent Year of 1968	↓
December 2	Wrap Up & Review	
December 14 Noon-3:00 pm	Third Term Exam	<i>Good Luck!</i>

Questions? Please feel free to ask!!