

History 212

American History, 1865 to present

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Section 08, MWF 12:00-12:50
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This course seeks to familiarize students with the major topics in American History since 1865. We will focus on diverse subjects including 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, although I believe in open discussion and differences of opinion. Remember, History is not written in black and white, but rather in more murky shades of gray that are open to interpretation.

Required Texts:

The American Promise, A History of the United States, Volume II: From 1865
by James L. Roark, et al, 2000. (**Compact Edition**)

The South in the History of the Nation, Volume II: From Reconstruction
by William Link and Marjorie Spruill Wheeler, 1999.

Grading Policies and Breakdown:

Mid term exam	30%
End of term exam	30%
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 ten reading quizzes, each worth fifteen points for a total of 150 points. If you keep up on the reading and with your attendance, these quizzes will be a very easy way to receive points towards your final grade. The two term exams will be a combination of short answer and short essay. They will be based on both the lectures and the assigned readings.

Attendance Policy:

As this 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 four (4) 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.

<i>Date</i>	<i>class discussion topic</i>	<i>Readings</i>
August 20	Intro & Discussion	
August 22	Reconstruction	<i>Promise</i> , pgs. 413-440
August 24	No Class—Enjoy the Break!	
August 27	Reconstruction, Part II	<i>The South</i> , pgs. 1-20
August 29	Westward Expansion	<i>Promise</i> , pgs. 443-460
August 31	Robber Barons & Urbanization	<i>Promise</i> , pgs. 461-471
September 3	Labor Day Holiday	Enjoy yourself!
September 5	Why is the Gilded Age Gilded?	<i>Promise</i> , pgs. 475-498
September 7	Rise of the City, Immigration	<i>Promise</i> , pgs. 499-528
September 10	Organized Labor & Unions	<i>Promise</i> , pgs. 530-535
September 12	Populism	<i>The South</i> , pgs. 45-66
September 14	U.S. in the Age of Colonialism	<i>Promise</i> , 539-550
September 17	Who is Jim Crow?	<i>The South</i> , pgs. 68-91
September 19	Life at the turn of the Century	(no reading assigned)
September 21	Progressive Reform	<i>Promise</i> , pgs.553-561
September 24	The Age of the First Roosevelt	<i>Promise</i> , pgs. 561-567
September 26	Roosevelt Returns	<i>Promise</i> , pgs. 568-572
September 28	Wilsonian Democracy	<i>Promise</i> , pgs. 572-582
October 1, 3, 5	The Great War	<i>Promise</i> , pgs. 585-606
October 8	Fall Break	Enjoy yourself!
October 10	Wilson and the Post-War World	<i>Promise</i> , pgs. 607-610
October 12	Mid-term Review Session	Bring questions!
October 15	Mid-term Exam	Good luck!
October 17	The Irony of the 1920's	<i>Promise</i> , pgs. 613-622
October 19	Cycles of Boom and Bust	<i>Promise</i> , pgs. 630-635
October 22, 24	The Great Depression	<i>The South</i> , pgs. 166-194
October 26	The Second Roosevelt	<i>Promise</i> , pgs. 644-648
October 29, 31	The New Deal Era	<i>Promise</i> , pgs. 648-670
November 2	A Changing World	<i>No reading assigned</i>
November 5,7,9	The Second World War	<i>Promise</i> , pgs. 673-711
November 12	The Post War World	<i>The South</i> , pgs. 195-213
November 14	The Cold War	<i>Promise</i> , pgs. 711-720
November 16	The Myth of the Fifties	<i>Promise</i> , pgs. 721-744
November 19	McCarthyism and Social Change	<i>The South</i> , pgs 218-228
November 21, 23	Thanksgiving Break	Enjoy yourself!
November 26	The Emergence of Civil Rights	<i>Promise</i> , pgs. 748-753
November 28	Civil Rights, part II	<i>The South</i> , pgs. 233-256
November 30	The Kennedy Years	<i>Promise</i> , pgs. 758-762
December 3	Johnsonian Politics	<i>Promise</i> , pgs.762-768
December 5	The Second Reconstruction	<i>Promise</i> , pgs. 768-773
December 7	The Turbulent Year of 1968	<i>Promise</i> , pgs. 796-798
December 10	Wrap Up and Review	
December 14-noon	Second Term Exam	Good luck!

Any questions? Feel free to speak up in class ANYTIME!!