

HISTORY 212–The United States Since 1865

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Readings

Wheeler/Becker, Discovering the American Past: A Look at the Evidence. Vol. II, 5th edition. (WB).

Link/Wheeler, The South in the History of the Nation. Vol. II. (LW)

Ehrenreich, Nickel and Dimed: On (Not) Getting By in America.

Other readings noted on the syllabus are available electronically on blackboard.

There is also a textbook on reserve at Jackson Library: Faragher and others, Out of Many, 4th ed., for anyone who would like to consult a textbook.

Discussion Sections

Students in this class are required to sign up for a discussion section. Attendance at these discussion sections is mandatory. You are expected to do all assigned readings and be prepared to discuss them during the section meetings. Quizzes may be given periodically to test you on the readings. Your class participation grade will be based on your participation in the discussion sections and the grades for any reading quizzes you are given.

Schedule

January 11	Reconstruction Readings: LW, chapter 1
January 13	Reconstruction
January 16	Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday
January 18	The New South Readings: WB, chapter 2; LW, chapter 4

January 20	Economic Revolution
January 23	Sections Assignment # 1 due
January 25	Economic Revolution Readings: WB, chapter 3; LW, chapter 5
January 27	Urbanization and Immigration
January 30	Sections Assignment # 2 due
February 1	The West Readings: LW, chapter 2; Welch, "Killing Custer," 149-197, available on blackboard
February 3	Challenges to the Industrial Order: Workers
February 6	Sections
February 8	Challenges to the Industrial Order: Farmers Readings: LW, chapter 3 and 6
February 10	The Progressive Era
February 13	Sections
February 15	The Progressive Era
February 17	The Progressive Era
February 20	Mid-term Exam
February 22	American Imperialism Readings: WB, chapter 5; LW, chapter 7
February 24	World War I
February 27	Sections Assignment # 3 due
March 1	1920s Readings: LW, chapter 8 and 9; WB, chapter 6
March 3	1930s

March 6-10	Spring Break
March 13	Sections Assignment # 4 due. Start reading Ehrenreich, <u>Nickel and Dimed</u> , if you have not yet done so.
March 15	1930s Readings: WB, chapter 7; LW, chapter 10; Adams, "Overseas," available on blackboard
March 17	World War II
March 20	Sections
March 22	World War II Readings: WB, chapter 8; LW chapter 11
March 24	Cold War America
March 27	Sections Assignment # 5 due
March 29	1950s: Image and Reality Readings: LW, chapter 12, WB chapter 9
March 31	The Civil Rights Movement
April 3	Sections
April 5	The Civil Rights Movement Readings: Dan Carter, "The Politics of Anger"; and Sorensen and White, "Did President Kennedy Effectively Manage the Cuban Missile Crisis?" both available on blackboard
April 7	Cold War, part II
April 10	Sections
April 12	Vietnam Readings: LW, chapter 13; Hunt, "How Heavy the Reckoning," available on blackboard
April 14	Spring Holiday

April 17	Sections
April 19	Lyndon Johnson and Domestic Politics
April 21	The Nixon Presidency
April 24	Sections Exam and Discussion of Ehrenreich, <u>Nickel and</u> <u>Dimed</u>
April 26	The Recent Past Readings: LW, chapters 14 and 15; WB, chapter 11
April 28	The Recent Past
May 1	Final Exam

Grading

Your final grade will be determined as follows:

Class Participation15%
Mid-Term Exam.25%
Final Exam25%
Writing Assignments for <i>Discovering the American Past</i>	25%
Exam and Discussion for <i>Nickel and Dimed</i>10%

Grading Scale:

- A - 90-100
- B - 80-89
- C - 70-79
- D - 60-69
- F - 59 and lower

Exams

Your mid-term and final exams will be a combination of identification, short answer, and essay questions.

Make-up exams

If you cannot an exam on the scheduled dates, you must, if at all possible, let me know before the exams in order to arrange a make-up. If prior notification is impossible, you must contact me within forty-eight hours of the exam to schedule a makeup.

Class attendance

Regular attendance at all lectures and discussion sections is expected. You are allowed three unexcused absences in this class. Excused absences, such as for illness, require documentation. Every unexcused absence after three will lower the student's final grade by one letter grade. More than five unexcused absences may result in the student being dropped from the course. Frequent tardiness is not allowed. Two tardies will count as one unexcused absence.

Other things you should know about this class

1. Please turn off all cell phones, pagers, beepers, or any other items that make noise before entering the classroom.
2. Anyone caught cheating or plagiarizing will receive an "F" for the course. The out-of-class writing assignments do not require that you consult any outside materials. If you do consult outside materials, make sure that you use them only for deep background understanding, not as the basis for your essays. Your essays should be based on your own ideas, conceived after reading the assigned chapters in the Wheeler/Becker book, and written in your own words. For more on the University's Academic Integrity Policy, go to the following website: <http://studentconduct.uncg.edu/policy/academicintegrity/>
3. No incompletes will be allowed as final grades for this course, except in the most dire, unavoidable, and tragic of circumstances.