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Chaminade University of Honolulu
Summer Evening Program
History 20210
America: Since the Civil War
July 6-September 15, 1999
Schofield Barracks--Bldg. 560

INSTRUCTOR: Dr. James P. Fitzsimmons

TEXT: Nash, et. al. The American People. Volume II. Brief Edition.

ORGANIZATION: This course consists of 40 classes as outlined below. Classes--Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday--begin at 11:50 a.m. and end at 12:50 p.m. The format of the course is lecture/discussion, but several videos will be shown and there may be a guest speaker and/or a field trip.

GRADES: Your final grade in the course will be based upon your attendance, participation and performance on the examinations and course papers. There will be two examinations, a Mid-Term and a Final, and two course papers, a short paper and a long paper. The Mid-Term examination will cover about half of the book, up through Chapter 25, and the Final will cover the rest of the text. Each exam and paper will count for 25%. However, should your Final exam and longer paper show considerable improvement over your earlier efforts, they will be given greater significance. Each exam will consist of short answer essay questions which will require you to write a series of paragraphs consisting of complete sentences. If you would like to have your course papers returned, please bring a self-addressed, stamped envelope by the last class session.

COURSE PAPERS: The nature and content of the two course papers will be discussed in class.

ATTENDANCE: University regulations require that attendance be taken and that instances of two (2) consecutive unexcused/unreported absences be reported to the Dean. This policy will be followed. Attendance, participation and communication with the instructor regarding absences and other course matters **ARE A MUST** and are part of your grade. It is practically impossible to be successful in this course without attending the classes. Please note that no one will pass the course unless the examinations and papers are completed.

PROCEDURES: Please feel free to ask questions during class sessions. Your active participation in classroom discussions is greatly encouraged.

GENERAL OVERVIEW: The course will consist of a survey of American development from 1865 A.D. to 1992 A.D.+ Political, economic and social forces which continue to play a role in modern American life will be particularly focused on.

July 6, 7, 9: Course Introduction; Chapters 16-17--Reconstruction--Rural America--

July 12, 13, 14, 16: Chapters 18-19--Smokestack America--Politics and Reform--

July 19, 20, 21, 23: Chapters 20-21--World Power--Progressives and Capitalism--**SHORT PAPER DUE--**

July 26, 27, 28, 30: Chapters 22-23--The Great War--Affluence and Anxiety--

August 2, 3, 4, 6: Chapters 24-25--Great Depression and the New Deal--WWII--**MID-TERM EXAMINATION--**

August 9, 10, 11, 13: Chapter 26--Cold War--

August 16, 17, 18, 20: Chapters 27-28--Post-War Growth--The Liberal State--

August 23, 24, 25, 27: Chapters 29-30--Social Reform--Conservatism--

August 30, 31, September 1, 3: Overview/Integration-Review--

September 7, 8, 10: **FINAL EXAMINATION--LONG PAPER DUE--**