

HISTORY 202.60 America Since the Civil War

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Term: Winter Evening 1999
Location: Pearl Harbor
Times: Saturday 0800-1200
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Course description: Survey of United States history from 1865 to the present.

Course objectives: In this course, students will learn to identify the major events of post-Civil War U.S. history, as well as the significance of these events both in the "larger picture" and in their relevance to us as individuals. We will trace significant themes and trends that appear throughout American history and that continue to shape American society.

Required texts:

- 1. Gary Nash et al., The American People: Creating a Nation and a Society (Vol. II)
2. One book or historical novel of your own choosing
3. The film, The Thin Red Line

Course requirements:

Regular attendance; participation in class discussions and activities; weekly textbook reading assignment; one book report (3-5 pp.); mid-term exam (i.d. questions and essay questions); final exam (i.d.'s and essays).

Grading:

Table with 2 columns: Requirement and Percentage. Attendance and participation: 30%, Mid-term exam: 20%, Book report: 20%, Occasional in-class writing assignments: 10%, Final exam: 20%

Table with 3 columns: Grading scale, Percentage, and Grade. 90-100% = A+, 80-90% = A, 70-80% = B, 60-70% = C, 50-60% = D, <50% = F (fail)

Absences:

To avoid losing marks for attendance, please contact the instructor if you must miss a class. A make-up assignment will be required.

COURSE SCHEDULE:

January 16: Introduction

- January 23:** America Restored:  
Reconstruction  
The American Farmer  
The Frontier  
(Chapters 16 & 17)
- January 30:** The American City:  
Industrialization  
The "Gilded Age"  
(Chapters 18 & 19)  
**\*\*\*Book title due**
- February 6:** Growth and Its Effects:  
Expansion and Empire  
The Progressive Movement  
(Chapters 20 & 21)
- February 13:** **Mid-term exam**  
World War I (no reading required)
- February 20:** From Jay Gatsby to Tom Joad:  
The 1920s  
The 1930s  
(Chapters 23 & 24)  
Mid-term evals
- February 27:** World War II  
Post-war Politics:  
Cold War  
Korean War  
(Chapters 25 & 26)
- March 6:** Post-war American Culture and Society:  
The 1950s  
The 1960s  
Vietnam War  
(Chapters 27 & 28)
- March 13:** The War at Home:  
The 1960s  
Winding up the Century:  
The 1970s, '80s and '90s  
(Chapters 29 & 30)  
**\*\*\*Book report due**
- March 20:** **Final exam**  
Wrap-up discussion.