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**AMERICA: SINCE THE CIVIL WAR**  
**COURSE SYLLABUS**

Course: History (HI) 20210 - Chaminade University  
Instructor: Terrence Monroe: 734-5914  
Term: Spring Evening: April 2 - June 11, 2001  
Class: Saturday, 1230 - 1640 hrs, Schofield Barracks, Bldg. 560  
Text: Nash, et al. The American People, Volume II, (Brief Edition)

Course Overview:  
The course will survey American history from the end of the Civil War through the present, focusing on political, economic, and social forces in modern American life.

Learning Methodology:

Classes will meet as outlined for lectures and student discussion of assigned reading. Class sessions will emphasize lectures, which will supplement and expand upon text material. Mid-term and final exams will emphasize brief essays on a variety of topics covered in the lectures and the assigned reading.

Evaluation:

Final grades will be based on a cumulative 100 points.

- Class participation (33%)
- Mid-Term examination (33%)
- Final examination (33%)

Grading Scale:

A = 90 - 100 points  
B = 80 - 90 points  
C = 70 - 80 points  
D = 60 - 70 points

Consultation:

By appointment before class.

Assigned Readings:

Students are expected to have completed the week's reading before the class session.

Schedule:

- April 7: Reconstruction: 1865-1877. Political and social reconstruction. The Economic Revolution: 1865-1890. Closing the frontier: the mining frontier; the Indian frontier; the cattle kingdom; the advance of the farmers; the end of the frontier. Business and politics: Grant through Harrison. The attack on laissez faire. The urban impact: 1870-1890.
- April 14: The Populist Era: 1890-1900. America and the world: 1877-1900. The Progressive Period: 1900-1917. The United States and World War I. The Era of Normalcy: 1920-1932.
- April 21: The Cruellest Year. Depression Montage. Roosevelt. Mid-Thirties Montage. The Roosevelt referendum. The conservative phoenix. Late thirties montage. A shadow of primitive terror. The last of pre-war America. America on the brink.
- April 28: Counterattack The home front. ETO Montage. A new world Under a new sun. The fraying flags of triumph. Life with Harry. Late forties montage. The Age of Suspicion. Into the abyss. Late fifties montage.
- May 5: A house divided. Right turn. The early Eisenhower years. What was good for General Motors. Mr. Chairman, Mr. Chairman. Mid-fifties montage. With all deliberate speed. The pursuit of happiness. Eisenhower at flood tide. Beep beep. The crusade falters. Late fifties montage. Tattoo for the General. MID-TERM EXAM
- May 12: A New generation of Americans. Early sixties montage. Now the trumpet summoned us again. Don't let it be forgot. Montage: JFK/LBJ. The long arm. A dream of greatness—and disenchantment. The Johnson Years. Up against the wall. The year everything went wrong. The late sixties.
- May 19: The rise of the Silent Majority. Nattering nabobs. Early seventies montage. The Divided States of America. Pride goeth. The limits of

May 26: Eighties montage. The Carter years. Reagan

- May 26: Eighties montage. The Carter years. Reagan Republicanism.
- June 1: Nineties montage. The Bush years. The Clinton era and the 90s prosperity.
- June 8: Bush Redux. America in the New Millenium.  
FINAL EXAM