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CHAMINADE UNIVERSITY OF HONOLULU: HISTORY ³⁰⁵³⁰~~303.5~~ Tripler
Contemporary American History: Tuesdays 5:30 p.m. – 9:45 p.m.
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TEXT: Miller, Douglas, on Our Own: Americans in the Sixties. Lexington, Mass. D.C. Health and co., 1996

COURSE DESCRIPTION: This course looks in depth at the 1960s and early 1970s. We begin with the background of post WW II American, then dig into the various currents of change in the 1960s and '70s: politics, foreign policy, music, entertainment, civil rights movement, civil liberties, the War on Poverty, the Vietnam War etc. We end with a look at the Watergate scandal bringing down the Nixon presidency and its implications for the growing cynicism in America.

ASSIGNMENTS: Students are expected to read the weekly assignment before coming to class and to be prepared for class discussions. Class attendance is required. Two exams will be given. Exams will be half multiple choice and half essay.

GRADING: The percentages are as follows:
25% Presentation: Nation of Islam, Martin Luther King Jr., Warren Court, War on Poverty, Westmoreland, Beatles, Movies/TV, Soviet Relations, Dirksen, etc.
25% Learning Logs
25% Midterm Exam
25% Final Exam

The presentations will be graded with the following rubric
30 % what happened
35% why it happened
35% what are the implications

COURSE OUTLINE:

DATE:	ASSIGNMENT
10/2	Introduction – 1950s
10/9	Chapter 3 Kennedy
10/16	Chapters 4 and 5 Civil Rights and the Domestic Johnson
10/23	Chapter 6 Vietnam
10/30	Catch-up and Review for Midterm Exam
11/6	Midterm Exam
11/13	Chapters 2 and 7 Counterculture
11/20	Chapter 8 1968
11/27	Chapter 9 Nixon
12/4	Chapters 10 and 11 Twilight of the Left, Feminism and Environmentalism
12/11	Final Exam