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CHAMINADE UNIVERSITY OF HONOLULU: **HISTORY 40360: AMERICAN DIPLOMACY** at Pearl Harbor: Thursdays 4:45 - 8:55 p.m.
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TEXT: LaFeber, Walter American Age, 2nd Ed., New York: W.W. Norton, 1994

COURSE DESCRIPTION: This course surveys the history of American diplomacy with a strong emphasis on the 20th century. By reviewing history, the course analyzes the goals, strategies, alliances, military policies, and context of American foreign policy.

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

The grading percentages are as follows:

- 25% Oral Presentation
- 25% Learning Logs
- 25% Midterm Exam
- 25% Final Exam

The presentations will require students to analyze a foreign policy decision. (Condoning British WW I Blockade, Washington Naval Agreements, Lend-Lease Act, JFK approving Bay of Pigs, Firmness on Cuban Missile Crisis Blockade, ABM Treaty, etc.) They will be graded as follows:

- 10% Identifying decision-maker(s)
- 10% Identifying the objectives (what they were & how they were arrived at)
- 40% Describing the ability of the decision to meet the avowed objectives
- 20% Describing how well the decision makers accounted for all possible objectives
- 20% Describing how well the decision makers examined all possible solutions

COURSE OUTLINE:

Date	Assignment
10/5	Introduction/Overview of 18-19th century diplomacy
10/12	Chapter 7-8 McKinley, T. Roosevelt & Taft
10/19	Chapters 9-10 Wilson & WW I
10/26	Chapter 11 Interbellum: Harding, Coolidge and Hoover
11/2	MIDTERM EXAM
11/9	Chapter 12-13 FDR and WWII
11/16	Chapters 14-15 Cold War: Truman
11/23	Thanksgiving
11/30	Chapters 16-17 Cold War: Eisenhower, Kennedy, & LBJ
12/7	Chapters 18-19 Detente and Beyond: Nixon, Carter, Reagan
12/14	FINAL EXAM