

THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN
Department of History

Semester Fall Year 1982

| <u>COURSE NO.</u> | <u>COURSE TITLE</u> | <u>INSTRUCTOR</u> |
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| 102 | The United States Since the Civil War Era | Lindstrom |

COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course will re-examine the events of the last one hundred years. Particular emphasis will be given to socio-economic change. We will analyze the emergence of a mature industrial economy and government efforts to intervene on behalf of both special interests and the disadvantaged. The impact of major events such as war and depression upon American ethnics, blacks and women will be highlighted. Presidential politics and foreign policy receive attention, especially in the lectures and readings for the twentieth century.

LECTURES

We will have two one-hour and fifteen minute lectures a week. During the first week of classes, each student will select a fifty minute discussion section. Attendance at these sections is mandatory.

WRITTEN ASSIGNMENTS and EXAMINATIONS

Students will take six and twelve weeks exams and a regular two-hour summary block final. The format of the 6 and 12 weeks exams may be either in-class or take-home, depending upon a majority vote of the class.

GRADING SYSTEM

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| The final grade is calculated as follows: | discussion section performance | 10% |
| | 6 weeks exam | 20% |
| | 12 weeks exam | 20% |
| | final exam | 50% |

REQUIRED READINGS

(see attached syllabus)

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Required Books:

Robert Kelley, The Shaping of the American Past: II
James Davidson and Mark Lylte, After the Fact: II
Harold Livesay, Andrew Carnegie
Frederick Lewis Allen, Only Yesterday
Stephen Ambrose, Rise to Globalism

Course Calendar

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| Aug. | 30 | Reconstruction |
| Sept. | 1 | The South and the West Read: Kelley, <u>The Shaping of the American Past</u> , pp. 356-401. |
| Sept. | 6 | No Class |
| Sept. | 8 | Farmer Discontent Read: Kelley, pp. 402-23; and Davidson & Lylte, <u>After the Fact</u> , pp. 169-202. |
| Sept. | 13 | Emergence of a Mature Economy |
| Sept. | 15 | Corporation and Labor Union Read: Livesay, <u>Andrew Carnegie</u> |
| Sept. | 20 | Immigrants and Workers |
| Sept. | 22 | Politics in the Gilded Age Read: Kelley, pp. 424-45; Davidson & Lylte, pp. 205-231. |
| Sept. | 27 | Imperialism and Progressivism |
| Sept. | 29 | Roosevelt and Taft Read: Kelley, pp. 445-509; Davidson & Lylte, pp. 232-62. |
| Oct. | 4 | Wilson and World War I |
| Oct. | 6 | Exam Read: Kelley, pp. 510-55. |
| Oct. | 11 | World War I & Reaction |
| Oct. | 13 | The 1920s Read: Kelley, pp. 556-84; Allen, <u>Only Yesterday</u> , pp. 1-101, 155-224. |
| Oct. | 18 | Politics of the 20s |
| Oct. | 20 | The Great Crash Read: Kelley, pp. 585-607; Allen, pp. 102-154, 225-297; Davidson & Lylte, pp. 263-95. |
| Oct. | 25 | The Depression |
| Oct. | 27 | The New Deal Read: Kelley, pp. 608-637; Davidson & Lylte, pp. 296-319. |
| Nov. | 1 | World War II |

Nov. 3 The 1940s
Read: Kelley, pp. 638-63; Davidson & Lylte, pp. 320-55; Ambrose, Rise to Globalism, pp. 13-91.

Nov. 8 Korea and the Red Scare
Nov. 10 The 1950s
Read: Kelley, pp. 664-719; Ambrose, pp. 92-244.

Nov. 15 Exam
Nov. 17 The Kennedy-Johnson Years
Read: Kelley, pp. 720-80.

Nov. 22 Civil Rights & Women's Liberation
Nov. 24 The War at Home
Read: pp. 781-807; Ambrose, pp. 244-397.

Nov. 29 The Nixon-Ford Years
Dec. 1 A Nation of Limits
Read: Kelley, pp. 808-873; Davidson & Lylte, pp. 356-88.

Dec. 6 The 1980s
Dec. 8 Review