

UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN
DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY
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HISTORY 102
MR. SCHULTZ

AMERICAN HISTORY FROM THE CIVIL WAR
TO THE PRESENT

Texts:

Mary Beth Norton, David Katzman, et al., A PEOPLE AND
A NATION (3d ed., vol 2)
Norman K. Risjord, INSIGHTS ON AMERICAN HISTORY (vol 2)
Upton Sinclair, THE JUNGLE
[Book or packet of readings to be announced for last
half of the course!]
THE AUTOBIOGRAPHY OF MALCOLM X

Examinations and Assignments:

We have scheduled two examinations during the course; each will be in a format of essay and short "identify and give the significance of" questions. There will be a required mid-term (scheduled for October 23rd) and a final examination (scheduled by the College for December 19th at 10:05 A.M.).

In addition to examinations, there will be one required writing assignment. This will be a short (3 - 6 double-spaced, typewritten pages) essay review (format to be given in discussion sections) of a book mutually agreed upon by the student and the Teaching Assistant. The due date for this assignment will be given in discussion sections.

All reading assignments will be given in discussion sections. Students should begin their reading with the Chapter 15 on "Reconstruction" in the textbook.

Discussion Sections and Grading:

Students will attend two lectures (75 minutes each) and one required discussion section (50 minutes) per week. A Teaching Assistant will lead the discussion sections which normally will focus on the reading assignments for the course.

Grades will depend on performance on the examinations, the essay review, and attendance at and participation in the discussion sections. Steady improvement over the semester will find its reward in the final grade. We will evaluate your work on its blend of necessary factual information and thoughtful analyses of the major issues.

COURSE OUTLINE AND LECTURE TOPICS

LECTURE TOPICS	DATE
I. THE RECONSTRUCTION OF AMERICAN SOCIETY, 1865-1920s	
History, Historians, and You	Sept. 4
Reconstructing the Nation	6
The "New South"? Promises and Propaganda	11
Which "Old West" and Whose?	13
The Gilded Age and the Politics of Corruption	18
Businessmen and "That Creature" the Corporation	20
Labor and the Workers' Search for Power	25
Foreign Immigrants in Industrial America	27
The Great Migration: Blacks in White America	Oct. 2
How Ya' Gonna' Keep 'Em Down on the Farm?: Populism	4
The Dawn of Liberalism: Progressivism	9
The Policeman of the World	11
Roosevelt, Wilson, and the Morality of Power	16
Women, Feminism, and Sex in Progressive America	18

MID-TERM EXAMINATION * * *

Oct. 23

II. THE REORDERING OF AMERICAN SOCIETY, 1920s-PRESENT

The Politics of Prosperity: the 1920s	Oct. 25
The Politics of Frustration: the 1920s	30
Crashing Hopes: The Great Depression	Nov. 1
Liberalism at High Noon: The New Deal	6
"Dr. New Deal" Becomes "Dr. Win-the-War"	8
From New Deal to Fair Deal: New Game?	13
The Coils of Cold War	15
The Affluent Society: the 1950s	20

Thanksgiving Recess, Nov. 22-25

The Thousand Days of Knights: The Kennedy Years	27
Civil Rights in an Uncivil Society	29
The Almost "Great Society": The Johnson Years	Dec. 4
The Asian Connection: Road to Vietnam	6
The Twilight of Liberalism: The Nixon Years	11
Watergate, the Presidency, and Modern America	13