

UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN
DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY
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HISTORY 102
MR. SCHULTZ

AMERICAN HISTORY FROM THE CIVIL WAR
TO THE PRESENT

Texts:

James W. Davidson, William E. Gienapp, *et al* NATION OF NATIONS
Vol. II, SINCE 1865
Robert Marcus and David Burner, AMERICA FIRSTHAND, Vol. II
Edward Bellamy, LOOKING BACKWARD
David Nasaw, CHILDREN OF THE CITY: AT WORK & AT PLAY
Sinclair Lewis, MAIN STREET
Anne Moody, COMING OF AGE IN MISSISSIPPI

COURSE MEETINGS AND REQUIREMENTS:

We require all students to attend two lectures (75 minute) and one (50 minute) discussion section each week. We will take attendance at the discussion section meetings. All examinations will be in essay format. There will be a mid-term (scheduled for October 22nd), and a final examination, scheduled (by the College) for December 19th.

Writing Assignment:

All students enrolled in the course will write one short (3-5 pages) essay in response to one of ten topic sentences to be handed out in class. Readings for the essay may include portions of the assigned readings for the course, but also will include additional reading on the topic. We will aid and guide you in selection of bibliography.

Readings:

We will give the specific order of reading assignments in discussion sections.

Grading Policies:

We will evaluate your work in the course based upon the essay examinations, the writing assignment, and attendance at and participation in the required discussion sections. Improvement in performance over the semester will always result in a higher grade; in cases where a final grade hovers between two possibilities, the student whose work has shown improvement will receive the higher of the two possibilities.

COURSE OUTLINE AND LECTURE TOPICS

LECTURE TOPICS	DATE
I. THE RECONSTRUCTION OF AMERICAN SOCIETY, 1865-1920s	
History, Historians, and You	Sept. 3
Reconstructing the Nation	8
The "New South"? Promises and Propaganda	10
Which "Old West" and Whose?	15
The Gilded Age and the Politics of Corruption	17
Businessmen and "That Creature" the Corporation	22
Labor and the Workers' Search for Power	24
Foreign Immigrants in Industrial America	29
The Great Migration: Blacks in White America	Oct. 1
How Ya' Gonna' Keep 'Em Down on the Farm?: Populism	6
The Dawn of Liberalism: Progressivism	8
The Policeman of the World	13
Roosevelt, Wilson, and the Morality of Power	15
Women, Feminism, and Sex in Progressive America	20

MID-TERM EXAMINATION * * *

Oct. 22

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

The Politics of Prosperity: the 1920s	Oct. 27
The Politics of Frustration: the 1920s	29
Crashing Hopes: The Great Depression	Nov. 3
Liberalism at High Noon: The New Deal	5
"Dr. New Deal" Becomes "Dr. Win-the-War"	10
From New Deal to Fair Deal: New Game?	12
The Coils of Cold War	17
The Affluent Society: the 1950s	19
The Thousand Days of Knights: The Kennedy Years	24

****Thanksgiving Recess, Nov. 26-29****

Civil Rights in an Uncivil Society	Dec. 1
The Almost "Great Society": The Johnson Years	3
The Asian Connection: Road to Vietnam	8
The Twilight of Liberalism: The Nixon Years	10
Watergate, the Presidency, and Modern America	15