

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 (2d 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 essay format. Either similar study questions, or the precise questions, will be handed out in class at least one week before each examination. There will be a required mid-term (scheduled for March 14) and a final examination (scheduled by the College for May 18 at 7:45 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 |
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| I. THE RECONSTRUCTION OF AMERICAN SOCIETY, 1865-1917 | |
| History, Historians, and You | Jan. 24 |
| Reconstructing the Nation | 26 |
| The "New South"? Promises and Propaganda | 31 |
| Which "Old West" and Whose? | Feb. 2 |
| The Gilded Age and the Politics of Corruption | 7 |
| Businessmen and "That Creature" the Corporation | 9 |
| Labor and the Workers' Search for Power | 14 |
| Foreign Immigrants in Industrial America | 16 |
| The Great Migration: Blacks in White America | 21 |
| How Ya' Gonna' Keep 'Em Down on the Farm?: Populism | 23 |
| The Dawn of Liberalism: Progressivism | 28 |
| The Policeman of the World | Mar. 2 |
| Roosevelt, Wilson, and the Morality of Power | 7 |
| Women, Feminism, and Sex in Progressive America | 9 |
| * * * MID-TERM EXAMINATION * * * | |
| Mar. 14 | |
| OPEN DAY | |
| Mar. 16 | |
| SPRING RECESS | |
| Mar. 18-27 | |
| II. THE REORDERING OF AMERICAN SOCIETY, 1880s-1980s | |
| The Politics of Prosperity: the 1920s | Mar. 28 |
| The Politics of Frustration: the 1920s | 30 |
| Crashing Hopes: The Great Depression | Apr. 4 |
| Liberalism at High Noon: The New Deal | 6 |
| "Dr. New Deal" Becomes "Dr. Win-the-War" | 11 |
| From New Deal to Fair Deal: New Game? | 13 |
| The Coils of Cold War | 18 |
| The Affluent Society: the 1950s | 20 |
| The Thousand Days of Knights: The Kennedy Years | 25 |
| Civil Rights in an Uncivil Society | 27 |
| The Almost "Great Society": The Johnson Years | May 2 |
| The Asian Connection: Road to Vietnam | 4 |
| The Twilight of Liberalism: The Nixon Years | 9 |
| Watergate, the Presidency, and Modern America | 11 |