History 104  
(Section 3)  
United States Since 1877  
Spring Semester 2006

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Class Meetings: Mon/Wed/Fri, 1:00-1:50 p.m., Merrifield, Room 300

Course Description: This is a survey of American history from the mid-19th century to the late 20th century. The course will examine the transformation of an isolated agrarian United States in the 19th century to its rise as an industrial, world power in the 20th century. Topics to be discussed include political, diplomatic, military, economic, social, and intellectual factors that shaped the United States.


Attendance: Students are encouraged to attend class in order to participate in class discussions, avoid confusion about assignments, prepare for scheduled examinations, and take full advantage of the educational process.

UND Blackboard: Be sure to check your UND Blackboard for announcements, grades, lecture outlines, extra assignments, etc. (http://online.und.edu/Bb6/)

Requirements:

1. There will be 3 scheduled examinations. Each test will consist of multiple-choice, fill-in-the-blank, and identification questions. All exams should be taken on the day scheduled. Missed exams can be made up at the Professor or Graduate Teaching Assistant’s convenience. Each test will be worth 70 points. Maximum value = 210 points

2. You must accomplish a Research Paper. The topic of the paper will be written on a topic approved by the Professor or Graduate Teaching Assistant. The narrative of the Research Paper will be 5 to 8 pages (1,300
to 2,000 words) in length. It will be typewritten, double-spaced, and include notes and a bibliography (See Term Paper Guidelines). The paper will be graded on content, analysis, and research. You must hand the Research Paper to the Professor not later than 1 May 2006. Five points will be subtracted for each workday a Research Paper is late. Maximum total value = 60 points.

3. There will be 6 no-notice quizzes. Each quiz is worth 5 points. There will be no opportunities to take missed quizzes at a later date. Maximum total value = 30 points.

Maximum total value = 300 points. The exams and quizzes will be based on the Professor’s lectures, readings from the text, and video films.


Course Grading: A=300-270, B=269-240, C=239-210, D=209-180, F=179-0

There will be no opportunities for extra credit projects!

TENTATIVE COURSE SCHEDULE:

- Introduction to Course
- Lecture: Civil War and Presidential Reconstruction 1860-1865 (Chapter 16)
- Lecture: Congressional Reconstruction 1865-1868 (Chapter 16)
- Lecture: Ulysses S. Grant, the South, and Counter-Reconstruction 1868-1875 (Chapter 16)
- Lecture: End of Reconstruction 1865-1877 (Chapter 16)
- Lecture: Settling the American West (Chapter 17)
- Lecture: Politics and Government 1877-1890
- Lecture: Rise of the U.S. as an Industrial Power 1865-1900 (Chapter 18)
  - Reading Assignment: “The Sellers” in Chapter 18
  - Reading Assignment: “The Wage Earners” in Chapter 18
• **Reading Assignment:** “Toward an Urban Society, 1877-1900” (Chapter 19)

• Lecture: Politics in the 1890s (Chapter 20)

• **Reading Assignment:** Feature Essay – “The Wonderful Wizard of Oz” in Chapter 20

• Lecture: Toward Empire 1867-1898 (Chapter 21)

• Lecture: Spanish-American War and Its Aftermath 1898-1902 (Chapter 21)

• Lecture: New World Power 1900-1917 (Chapter 24)

• **Reading Assignment:** Chapter 22 – “The Progressive Era”

• Lecture: Age of Progressivism: TR to Wilson (Chapter 23)

• Lecture: World War I and the Treaty of Versailles (Chapter 24)

• Lecture: United States during the Boom and Depression, 1920-1939 (Chapters 25 & 26)

• **Reading Assignment:** “City Life in the Jazz Age” in Chapter 25

• **Reading Assignment:** “The Rural Counterattack” in Chapter 25

• Lecture: United States and the Road to World War II, 1920-1941 (Chapter 27)

• Lecture: United States and World War II, 1941-1945 (Chapter 27)

• **Reading Assignment:** “The Home Front” in Chapter 27

• **Reading Assignment:** “The Face of the Holocaust” in Chapter 27

• Lecture: Harry Truman and the Cold War, 1945-1949 (Chapter 28)

• Lecture: Cold War, Korean War, and the Second Red Scare, 1950-1954 (Chapter 28)

• Lecture: Dwight D. Eisenhower and the Cold War, 1953-1960 (Chapter 28)
• Lecture (Optional): Eisenhower, the United States, and Nuclear Arms Control (Chapter 28)

• Lecture: John F. Kennedy and the Cold War, 1961-1963 (Chapter 30)

• Lecture: Postwar America, 1945-1963 (Chapter 29)

• Lecture: Lyndon B. Johnson, the Great Society and Vietnam, 1963-1969 (Chapter 30)
  - **Reading Assignment:** “Years of Turmoil” in Chapter 30
  - **Reading Assignment:** “Unintended Consequences: The Second Great Migration” in Chapter 30

• Lecture: Richard Nixon, Détente and Vietnam, 1969-1974 (Chapter 31)
  - **Reading Assignment:** “Private Lives – Public Issues” in Chapter 31

• Lecture: Crisis in America: The 1970s (Chapter 31)
  - **Reading Assignment:** “Three Mile Island and Chernobyl: The Promise and Peril of Nuclear Power” in Chapter 31
  - **Reading Assignment:** “*Roe v. Wade*: The Struggle over Women’s Reproductive Rights” in Chapter 31

• Lecture: United States and the Second Cold War, 1981-1991 (Chapter 32)
  - **Reading Assignment:** “Social Dilemmas” in Chapter 32

• Lecture: America after the Cold War (Chapter 33)
  - **Reading Assignment:** “The Changing American Population” in Chapter 33
  - **Reading Assignment:** “The Dot.com Boom and Bust” in Chapter 33
EXAMINATIONS
- Exam 1 – Monday (13 February 2006)
- Exam 2 – Wednesday (29 March 2006)
- Final Exam – Friday (12 May 2006), 10:15 a.m., Merrifield 300

HOLIDAYS
Martin Luther King Holiday – Monday (16 January 2006) – No Class
Presidents Day Holiday – Monday (20 February 2006) – No Class
Spring Break – Monday (13 March 2006) – No Class
Spring Break – Wednesday (15 March 2006) – No Class
Spring Break – Friday (17 March 2006) – No Class
Easter Holiday (Friday) 14 April 2006 – No Class
Easter Holiday – Monday (17 April 2006) – No Class

REMINDERS
First Day of Class – Wednesday (11 January 2006)
Last Day to Add a Class – Tuesday (24 January 2006)
Deficiencies Due – Friday (10 March 2006)
Last Day to Drop a Course – Friday (31 March 2006)
Research Paper Due – Monday (1 May 2006)
Reading and Review Day – Friday (5 May 2006)