

History 110 / Spring 2003
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HISTORY 110 American Civilization II

History 110 is the second semester of a two-semester introduction to United States history. This course surveys the history of the United States from Reconstruction to the present. The emphasis will be on the rise of modern industrial America, the varied responses to industrialization, the emergence of the US as a world power, the impact of the Cold War, the turbulent 60s, and the struggle over resources and power in twentieth-century America.

Readings:

James Roark, et. al., The American Promise Vol. 2 (Compact Edition, 2000)
Virginia Scharff, Taking the Wheel
Edward Bellamy, Looking Backward: 2000-1887
A few readings will also be available online and/or at Book Reserves.

Requirements:

Grades will be based on two midterms (one may be a take-home exam), a final exam, a 5-6 page research paper, and a short, written analysis of a primary source. The exams are essay in form. You may be asked to discuss some documents in class that will be available from my web site.

Midterm 1:	15%
Midterm 2:	20%
Final:	30%
Paper:	25%
Primary Source Analysis:	10%

Please be aware that the major themes and ideas that comprise my exams are generally drawn from my lectures so attendance is critical if you wish to do well in this course. Attendance will also affect class participation grade because if you are not in class, you cannot participate. Readings, both from the text and the other assigned books, are not extra or optional assignments. The readings complement, but do not replace, my lectures and are there to help you better understand major themes and issues raised in class. One key to success in this course is to keep up with the reading assignments.

Internet: Knowledge of the World Wide Web and the internet is strongly urged. If you need some help, please see me.

Topics and Readings

- 1/20 INTRODUCTION AND RECONSTRUCTION
Reading: Roark, Ch. 16
- 1/27 THE WEST AND THE ORIGINS OF INDUSTRIAL CAPITALISM
Reading: Roark, Ch. 17-18
- 2/3 INDUSTRIALIZATION AND ITS DISCONTENTS
Reading: Roark, Ch. 19; Bellamy (all)
- 2/10 AMERICA AT THE TURN OF THE CENTURY
Reading: Roark, Ch. 20-21
- 2/17 THE PROGRESSIVE ERA
Reading: Scharf, pp. 1-88
FIRST MIDTERM
- 2/24 THE GREAT WAR AND RED SCARE
Reading: Roark, Ch. 22
- 3/3 THE NEW ERA AND ROARING 20S
Reading: Roark, Ch. 23; Scharf, pp. 89-end
DOCUMENT ANALYSIS PAPER DUE
- 3/10 DEPRESSION AND THE NEW DEAL
Reading: Roark, Ch. 24
- 3/17 THE SECOND WAR TO END ALL WARS
Reading: Roark, Ch. 25
SECOND MIDTERM
- 3/24 THE COLD WAR AT HOME AND ABROAD
Reading: Roark, Ch. 26
Schrecker, "Blacklists and Other Economic Sanctions" (Web site)
- 3/31 SPRING BREAK!!
- 4/7 THE 50S AND 2ND RECONSTRUCTION
Reading: Roark, Ch. 27
Miller and Nowak, "The Fifties: The Way We Really Were" (Reserve Books)
- 4/14 VIETNAM AND 60s LIBERALISM
Reading: Roark, Ch. 29
- 4/21 PROTESTS AND RIGHTS: THE 1960s
Reading: Roark, Ch. 28
PAPER DUE-MONDAY
- 4/28 BACKLASH, THE END OF LIBERALISM AND WATERGATE
Reading: Roark, Ch. 30
Lemann, "How the Seventies Changed America" (Reserve Books)
- 5/5 THE NEW RIGHT, REAGAN, AND END OF THE COLD WAR
Reading: Roark, Ch. 31-32
NO CLASS FRIDAY—DEAD DAY

WEDNESDAY 5/14 FINAL EXAM 1-3PM

***Schedule is subject to change**