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144-03H United States Since 1865

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GOALS AND OBJECTIVES OF THE COURSE:
The purpose of the course is to think historically about the major trends and patterns in American History from 1865 to the present.

Participants in the course should seek to:

1. understand the development of institutions, ideas, values, and organizational systems that have shaped and continue to shape American civilization;

2. understand the process of assembling information from the past and give meaning to it; and

3. understand processes of change and arguments about cause and effect.

Participants in the course should also demonstrate a depth of understanding through the development of analytic and critical skills. They should be able to

1. think historically so that you can make connections;

2. make written and verbal arguments in a critical and persuasive manner; and

3. seek valid conclusions based on appropriate sources of information.

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**TEXTS FOR THE COURSE:**

Bellamy, Edward, *Looking Backward*

Hanson, Sandra & White, John K., eds., *The American Dream in the 21st Century*

Lewis, Sinclair, *Babbitt*


Sitkoff, Harvard, *The Struggle for Black Equality*

**SYLLABUS**

January 14  Introduction

January 16-21  Reconstruction  

January 23-  
February 11  America's Period of Industrialization  
*The American People*, chs. 16-17;  
Bellamy, *Looking Backward*

January 28  Quiz on *Looking Backward* (10%)

February 13  Examination (20%)

February 18-27  U.S. Imperialism and World War I  
*The American People*, chs. 18, 19, & 20.
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*Assignment for short paper: Write a five- to seven page analysis of main points in chapters 2, 3, 4, and 5 in Sandra L. Hanson and John Kenneth White, eds., *The American Dream in the 21st Century.*