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U.S. History II    Syllabus    Hist. 144    Spring, 2014    M-W-F

Course Description: An overview of American civilization from approximately the late 19th century to the present time.


Objectives: 1. Students will be able to articulate and grasp the basic events, major themes, and important people of modern American history.

2. Students will be able to analyze and criticize primary source documents

3. Students will be able to identify the roles of politics, economics, gender and family, technology, cultural expression, and religion, and their impact on American civilization.

4. Students will be able to perceive the connections of the past to their current society and their daily lives.

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Class attendance is important for discussion of the material. The Instructor’s Classroom Notes (lectures, power-points, etc.), along with the Study Guides and the Textbook Readings, are critical for the tests. Two absences or less will be rewarded on the Final grade – more than 3 absences will harm the final grade. Extra credit or any instructor help is always available upon request. Extra credit will take the form of a book review. No texting nor cell phone use is permitted during class time. The use of laptops for note-taking may be permitted upon request, but users must sit in the front of the room. Pop quizzes should be expected on any given class period. There will be no makeups for any missed quizzes. If due to illness a regular test is missed, a nurse or doctor’s note is required, and the test must be made up prior to the next class. READ ASSIGNMENTS WHEN THEY ARE DUE SO YOU CAN UNDERSTAND THE TOPICS COVERED IN CLASS!!!!!!

Jan.  13   M  Introduction to the course, begin Ch. 20

15   W  Ch. 20, Dissent, Depression, and War, 1890-1900, 532-550 (only)

17   F  Ch. 20 continued, Ch. 21, Progressive Movement, 560-589

20   M  Martin Luther King Day – No Class

22   W  Ch. 21 continued
24  F  **TEST** on Chapters 20 & 21

27  M  Ch. 20, The U.S. and the World, 550-559

29  W  Ch. 22, World War I and the Aftermath, 590-619

31  F  Ch. 22 continued

Feb.  3  M  Ch. 22 continued

5  W  **TEST** on Chapters 20 & 22

7  F  Ch. 23, The New Era and Great Depression, 620-649

10  M  Ch. 23 continued

12  W  Ch. 24, The New Deal Experiment, 650-679

14  F  Ch. 24 continued

17  M  Ch. 24 continued

19  W  **TEST** on Chapters 23 & 24

21  F  Ch. 25, World War II, 680-709

24  M  Ch. 25 continued

26  W  Ch. 25 continued

28  F  Ch. 25 continued

Mar.  3  M  Spring Break, No Class

5  W  Spring Break

7  F  Spring Break

10  M  Ch. 26, Cold War and the Truman Era,

12  W  Ch. 26 continued

14  F  Ch. 26 continued

17  M  **TEST** on Chapters 25 & 26
19 W Ch. 27 The Politics and Culture of Abundance, 1952-1960, 736-763
21 F Ch. 27 continued
24 M Ch. 28, Reform, Rebellion, Reaction, 1960-1974, 764-793
26 W Ch. 28 continued
28 F Ch. 28 continued
31 M **TEST** on Chapters 27 & 28

**Apr.** 2 W Ch. 29, The Vietnam War Era, 1961-1975, 794-819
4 F Ch. 29, continued
7 M Ch. 29, continued
9 W Ch. 29 continued
11 F Ch. 30, America Moves to the Right, 1969-1989, 820-849
14 M Ch. 30 continued
16 W Ch. 30 continued
18 F Easter Break: No Class
21 M Easter Break
23 W Ch. 30 continued
25 F Ch. 31, Promises and Challenges of Globalization, since 1989, 850-881
28 M Ch. 31 continued
30 W Ch. 31 continued

**May** 2 F Ch. 31 continued
5 M Study Day
6 – 9 Final Exams, Chapters 29, 30, 31