

History 2112: American History II, since 1890
Fall 2009
Saturdays, 8:00 – 10:45

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Required Text: Tindall, George Brown, and Shi, David Emory. *America: A Narrative History*. Seventh Edition, Volume 2. (Boston: W.W. Norton and Company, 2007).

Course Objectives: Upon completion of the course, successful students will gain an appreciation for and demonstrate knowledge of American history since 1890.

Course Requirements:

- All assigned readings are to be completed before class; each student must have a text book.
- Students are required to attend quizzes and examinations. No absence from any scheduled exam or quiz will be excused except on the authority of a medical doctor in the form of written excuse in case of an illness or injury or on the authority of the appropriate dean. Without this authority, the student will receive a 0 on the appropriate quiz/examination.
- Please bring your textbook and pen and paper to class each week.

Methodology:

- This course will be taught as an amalgam of different styles including lecture, discussion, student involvement, and video/DVD presentation.

Attendance Policy:

- Past experience strongly suggests the correlation between regular class attendance and higher grades. Please remember that one Saturday class is equivalent to one week of classes. Please do all possible to attend classes. Attendance will be taken.
- Please be on time for each class. Quizzes and tests will begin promptly as soon as attendance is taken. You will not be allowed extra time to take a quiz or a test if you come in late.

Classroom Protocol:

- Please turn off your cell phones in class. Earphones and any electronic equipment of any type are prohibited in class. If you must use a recorder or laptop for notes in class, please contact me.
- Please do not talk while the instructor or a fellow student is speaking. We will have one break of about 10 minutes midway through each class.
- The Power Point notes are merely talking points for class discussion. I do not e-mail these notes for any reason. I am glad to provide these notes after class upon request.

Grading:

- Your final grade will be based on:
 1. The average of your four highest quiz scores (out of 6). **(50%)**
 2. Your midterm exam. **(25%)**
 3. Your final exam. **(25%)**
 4. An optional research project will be assigned during the semester that will allow you to earn extra credit toward your final grade. Successful completion of this project can earn you **up to a maximum of 1.5 points** toward your final G.P.A. This project is optional and will provide an opportunity for a borderline grade to be rounded up.
 5. You will not be able to retake a missed quiz or test unless you have a written note from a medical doctor or approval from the appropriate dean. All retakes will be taken in the history office and will be formatted differently from the original. All make-ups must be taken within one week of the original and it is up to you to contact me if you need to take a makeup.

<u>Grading Scale:</u>	90 – 100 = A
	80 – 89 = B
	70 – 79 = C
	60 – 69 = D
	0 - 59 = F

Academic Integrity Statement:

→ Every KSU student is responsible for upholding the provisions of the Student Code of Conduct, as published in the Undergraduate and Graduate catalogs.

General Observations:

- Questions are good generators of discussion. Please do not hesitate to ask questions.
- Do not miss a point or fail to understand a question because you are not familiar with a word. Always ask a question if you are not familiar with the definition of a particular word.
- Cheating and/or plagiarism will not be tolerated in any form and will result in a 0 for the appropriate assignment and a referral to the appropriate dean.
- Should the student decide to withdraw from the class, it is up to that student to initiate the process in conjunction with the Registrar’s office. If you do not complete the course requirements and fail to withdraw officially, your course grade will be an “F”. Please consult with KSU policy and procedure if you consider withdrawing from this class.
- If you feel uncomfortable asking a question during class, please see me before class, during our break, or after class. Do not leave a class if you are confused or don’t understand something. Also, please feel free to e-mail me anytime you have a question. Please keep in mind that I can only respond to you when I receive an e-mail from your K.S.U. e-mail address.

Class Schedule:

	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Required Reading</u>
August 15	Introduction Reconstruction Review	
August 22	The New South Big Business and Organized Labor	Chapters 19 and 20
August 29	Quiz # 1 (Chapters 18-20) Urban America, the Gilded Age and Populism	Chapters 21 and 22
September 5	No class – Labor Day	
September 12	Nationalism, Imperialism and Empire The Progressive Era	Chapters 23 and 24
September 19	Quiz # 2 (Chapters 21–24) America and World War I Emerging Modernity	Chapters 25 and 26
September 26	Republican Emergence and Decline The New Deal	Chapters 27 and 28

October 3	Quiz # 3 (Chapters 25-28) From Isolation to Global War Midterm Exam Review	Chapter 29
October 10	Midterm Exam (Chapters 18 – 29)	
October 17	World War II The Cold War and Containment	Chapter 30 and 31
October 24	Quiz # 4 (Chapters 30-31) The Eisenhower Years Culture and Politics	Chapter 32 and 33
October 31	1960s The Kennedy/Johnson Years Civil Rights and Activism	Chapter 34
<u>**November 7**</u>	Quiz # 5 (Chapters 32-34) Vietnam and ramifications	Chapter 34 and 35
November 14	The Nixon years and the aftermath	Chapter 35 and 36
November 21	Quiz # 6 (Chapters 34-36) Course Wrap-up Final Exam Review	
November 28	No Class – Thanksgiving	
December 5	Final Exam (Chapters 30 – 36)	