

History 121.5: U.S. History Since 1877 Fall 2006 Course Syllabus

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Meeting/Location: Monday 7:00-9:45; HSS 310

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Course Description:

This course is a survey of United States history from 1877 to the present. We begin after Reconstruction by examining ethnic relations in post-civil war America, industrialization, immigration, and the emergence of the U.S. as a world power by 1900. We look at the major developments which have shaped U.S. policy at home and abroad from the early 20th century to the present, including the expansion of political participation and labor organizations, women's rights, art and culture, and the economic prosperity and financial collapse of the 1930s. The course also looks at America's role in World War II and the momentous developments of the last half of the 20th century including the Cold War, the Civil Rights Movement, the Vietnam War, and the political empowerment of students, minorities, and women. Finally, we look at the major issues facing the United States in the global age such as the economic and political divide, legal issues, and international relations. Through the use of texts, primary sources, and documentaries we hope to gain an understanding of the changes and continuities of modern American history.

Required Texts:

- *Making America: A History of the United States, Volume B: Since 1865*, Carol Berkin et al
- *A More Perfect Union – Documents in U.S. History: Volume 2: Since 1865*, 6th Edition, Boller, Paul F. and Ronald Story
- *Voices of a Peoples History of the United States*, Howard Zinn and Anthony Arrove

Course Requirements:

Quizzes:	40%	There will be 4 quizzes on the readings worth 10% each. Quizzes consist of 20 multiple choice questions and are given at the beginning of class on the specified date.
Midterm:	30%	The Midterm and Final are written exams based on lectures, readings, and video. They will consist of identifications and an essay: students will choose 5 of 7 ids and 1 of 3 essays. Bring bluebooks.
Final:	30%	

Extra Credit: Up to 10% Reviews of films, books, plays with themes in U.S History *Since 1877*. Film reviews 1-2 pages (up to 2%); book reviews 3-5 pages (up to 5%). Film and book lists will be provided.

Course Schedule:

Aug. 28: The End of Reconstruction
Making America, Chapter 15
More Perfect Union, pp.9-15

Sept. 4: **Labor Day Observed: No Class**

Sept. 11: The Last of the "Indian Wars" and Industrial development Coast to Coast
Making America, Chapters 16-17
Voices, pp.146-152

Sept. 18: **Quiz 1**
Labor and Immigration
Making America, Chapters 18-19
Voices, pp.232-236

Sept. 25: The Spanish-American War and Commencement of U.S. Imperial Power
Making America, Chapters 20-21
More Perfect Union, pp.68-72, 77-79
Voices, pp.241-245, 248-251

Oct. 2: **Quiz 2**
The Progressive Era and World War I
Making America, Chapters 22-23
More Perfect Union, pp.73-76, 80-85, 93-100
Voices, pp.130-132, 264-269, 292-294

Oct. 9: American Culture, Ethnic Relations, and the Great Depression
Making America, Chapters 24-25
More Perfect Union, 110-127
Voices, pp.312-314, 327-330, 350-353

October 16: Midterm Exam

Oct. 23: World War II: International Alliances and Mobilization at Home
Making America, Chapter 26
More Perfect Union, pp.140-144, 146-151
Voices, pp.373-376, 359-363

Oct. 30: The Cold War: New Alliances and the Policy of Containment
Making America, Chapter 27
More Perfect Union, pp. 43-45, 163-171

Nov. 6: **Quiz 3**

Postwar America
Making America, Chapter 28
More Perfect Union, pp.158-162
Voices, pp.384-388

Nov. 13: The 1960s: The Civil Rights Movement

Making America, Chapter 29
More Perfect Union, pp.192-195, 203-211, 224-228
Voices, pp.393-398, 400-409

Nov. 20: **Thanksgiving Recess: No Class**

Nov. 27: Vietnam and Discontent on the Home Front

Making America, Chapter 30
More Perfect Union, pp.177-189, 212-217
Voices, pp.431-444, 450-45

Dec. 4: **Quiz 4**

Reagan's Moral Crusade and the End of the Cold War
Making America, Chapter 31
More Perfect Union, pp.248-251
Voices, pp.512-520, 537-541

Dec. 11: Bill Clinton, George W. Bush, and Gulf War II in the Global Age; **Final Review**

Making America, Chapter 32
More Perfect Union, pp.229-234, 252-256
Voices, pp.561-564, 603-605, 615-617

December 18: Final Exam

Quiz/Exam Dates:

Quiz 1: September 18

Quiz 2: October 2

Midterm: October 16

Quiz 3: November 6

Quiz 4: December 4

Final: December 18

If you are unable to take a scheduled quiz or exam it is your responsibility to notify me in advance. Make-up quizzes and exams are only given in cases of emergency and with prior notification. If an *unexpected* emergency should arise please contact me as soon as possible.

***Please turn-off all electronic devices during class time--except for note taking purposes.**