

U.S. Since Reconstruction

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History 121 (8)

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Required books:

Rose Cohen, *Out of the Shadow*

Anne Moody, *Coming of Age in Mississippi*

Henretta, Dumenil and Brody, *America: A Concise History*, volume two

Tests:

There will be two “mid-term” exams and a final. The two mid-terms will count 30 per cent each and the final 40 per cent. The tests will cover lectures, readings, and films shown in class. There will be NO MAKE-UP EXAMS except in cases of verified illness or emergency.

Schedule:

Week 1: January 31, February 2

Introduction; end of Reconstruction; overview of “Gilded Age”

read: begin *America*, chpts. 16-18

Week 2: February 7, 9

Labor; urbanization; westward expansion

read: begin Cohen; finish *America*, chpts. 16-18

Week 3: February 14, 16

Immigration; Populists and political protest

read: finish Cohen; *America*, chpt. 19

Week 4: February 21, 23

Imperialism; racism, South and North

read: start *America*, chpts. 20-21

Week 5: February 28, March 2
Exam (February 28); Progressivism
read: finish *America*, chpts. 20, 21

Week 6: March 7, 9
Progressivism; World War I
read: *America*, chpt. 22

Week 7: March 14, 16
1920s; Crash and Great Depression
read: *America*, chpt. 23 and start chpt. 24

Week 8: March 21, 23
New Deal
read: *America*, chpts. 24, 25

Week 9: March 28, 30
World War II
read: *America*, chpt. 26

Week 10: April 4, 6
Spring Break

Week 11: April 11, 13
Overview, post 1945; exam (April 13)
read: begin *America*, chpts. 27, 28

Week 12: April 18, 20
Cold war; civil rights
read: begin Moody; continue *America*, chpts. 27, 28

Week 13: April 25, 27
Civil rights
read: finish Moody; finish *America*, chpts. 27, 28

Week 14: May 2, 4
Vietnam; 1960s
read: *America*, chpt. 29

Week 15: May 9, 11
Nixon and Watergate; 1970s to Reagan
read: *America*, chpt. 30

Week 16: May 16, 18
Reagan and beyond; course wrap-up
read: *America*, chpt. 31