

## **History 121.1: U.S. History Since Reconstruction Summer 2007 Course Syllabus**

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Meeting/Location: M-T-W-TH 9:00-10:55; BUS 125

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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 20<sup>th</sup> century to the present. The course also examines America's role in World War II and the momentous developments of the last half of the 20<sup>th</sup> century including the Cold War, the Civil Rights Movement, the Vietnam War, and the political empowerment of students, minorities, and women. 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*, 6<sup>th</sup> Edition, Boller, Paul F. and Ronald Story
- *Voices of a Peoples History of the United States*, Howard Zinn and Anthony Arnove

### **Course Requirements:**

Quizzes:	20%	There will be 2 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:	40%	The Midterm and Final are written exams based on lectures, readings, and video. They will consist of identifications and an essay: students will choose 3 of 5 ids and 1 of 3 essays. Bring bluebooks.
Final:	40%	

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

## Course Schedule:

### Week 1

June 11-14: The End of Reconstruction, The Last of the "Indian Wars" and Industrial development Coast to Coast; Labor and Immigration

*Making America*, Chapters 15-19

*More Perfect Union*, pp.9-15, 28-36

*Voices*, pp.146-152, 232-236

### Week 2

#### **June 18: Quiz 1**

June 18-21: The Spanish-American War and Commencement of U.S. Imperial Power; The Progressive Era and World War I; American Culture, Ethnic Relations, and the Great Depression

*Making America*, Chapters 20-25

*More Perfect Union*, pp.68-72, 77-79, 73-76, 80-85, 93-100, 110-127

*Voices*, pp.241-245, 248-251, 130-132, 264-269, 292-294, 312-314, 327-330, 350-353

### Week 3

#### **June 25: Midterm Exam**

June 25-28: World War II: International Alliances and Mobilization at Home; The Cold War: New Alliances and the Policy of Containment; Postwar America

*Making America*, Chapter 26-28

*More Perfect Union*, pp.140-144, 146-151, 43-45, 163-171, 158-162

*Voices*, pp.373-376, 359-363, 384-388

### Week 4

#### **July 2: Quiz 2**

July 2-5: The 1960s: The Civil Rights Movement, Vietnam and Discontent on the Home Front

*Making America*, Chapter 29-30

*More Perfect Union*, pp.192-195, 203-211, 224-228, 177-189, 212-217

*Voices*, pp.393-398, 400-409, 431-444, 450-45

### Week 5

July 9-12: Reagan's Moral Crusade and the End of the Cold War; Bill Clinton, George W. Bush, and Gulf War II in the Global Age; **Final Review**

*Making America*, Chapter 31-32

*More Perfect Union*, pp.248-251, 229-234, 252-256

*Voices*, pp.512-520, 537-541, 561-564, 603-605, 615-617

#### **July 12: Final Exam**