

HISTORY 427

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HISTORY OF THE UNITED STATES, 1916-1945

TEXTS: Frederick Lewis Allen, *Only Yesterday*

James Goodman, *Stories of Scottsboro*

David Kennedy, *Freedom From Fear*

Studs Terkel, *"The Good War"*

(These texts are available at the school bookstore and on reserve at the library.)

COURSE REQUIREMENTS AND GRADING:

The final grade will be determined by the results of four papers based on the course readings (50%), an internet research assignment (30%) and class participation and attendance (20%). All papers and exams are to be word processed and double-spaced. Instructions for the papers and research papers will be distributed separately. Papers are due on September 19, October 12, November 14, and December 19. Research papers are due on the final day of class (December 14).

Class discussions are an important part of the course. All students are expected to have finished the reading assignments before each class session and should be prepared to answer questions and discuss the material at all sessions.

Attendance will be graded as follows: 3 or fewer absences (A); 4-6 absences (B); 7-9 absences (C); 10-12 absences (D); more than 12 absences (F). There are no excused absences.

INTERNET AND MULTIMEDIA

This course will use resources on the Internet and other types of media (videos, cd-roms) to enhance our understanding of the years between 1916 and 1945. The course will be taught in a "smart classroom," giving us in-room access to the Internet and videos. The online version of this syllabus contains many links to various primary sources from this era: photographs, movies, speeches, songs, advertisements, radio broadcasts, and documents. In addition we will watch film clips from several videos that are not available on the Internet. We will use these materials during the class sessions to give us a sense of what life was like during these years and to stimulate our class discussions. Students will also be able to access these sources via the Internet when studying at home or writing papers. The following students in my Fall, 1999 History 660 course assisted in creating this interactive experiment: John Dobbs, Sandra Henderson, Michael Sheehan, Patrick Taylor, Marco Vincenti, John Williams.

READING ASSIGNMENTS AND CLASS SCHEDULE

WORLD WAR I

August 29	Introduction/The Road To War
August 31	Waging War Readings: Zieger, Chapters 1, 2, 4; Kennedy, Preface.
September 5	The Home Front Readings: Allen, Ch. 1; Zieger, Chapters 3-5
September 7	1919 Readings: Allen, Chapter 3; Zeiger pp. 187-215.
September 12	The Peace Treaty and League of Nations Readings: Kennedy, Prologue; Allen, Ch. 2; Zieger, Chapters, 6-7.

THE ROARING 20S

- September 14 **The Business of America: Advertising in the 1920s and 1930s**
Readings: ; Kennedy, Chapter 1; Allen, Ch. 4, 6-7.
- September 19 **Communications and Transportation**
Readings: Allen, Ch. 1, 8,9.
FIRST PAPER DUE
- September 21 **Women in the 1920s**
Readings: Allen, pp. 1-2, Ch. 5; Goodman, Ch. 1-7.
- September 26 **Prohibition, Fundamentalism, the Klan**
Readings: Allen, pp. 52-57, 163-71, Ch. 10; Goodman, Ch. 1-7.
- September 28 **Black America**
Readings: Zeiger 102-6, 126-35, 142-45, 205-7; Allen, 52-53; Goodman, Ch. 1-14.
- October 3 **Speculation**
Readings: Allen, Ch. 11-13;; Kennedy, pp. 34-41.
- October 5 **Only Yesterday: An Assessment**
Readings: Allen, entire book.
- October 10 **Causes of the Great Depression**
Readings: Allen, Ch. 11- 14; Kennedy, pp. 34-91.

- October 12 **Life in Depression America, 1929-33**
Readings: Kennedy, pp. 84-94, 160-177, 190-99, Chapter 8.
SECOND PAPER DUE
- October 17 **The Roosevelts**
Readings: Kennedy, 94-159.
- October 19 **The New Deal**
Readings: Kennedy, Chapters 5-9, 12.
- October 24 **The New Deal**
Readings: Kennedy, Chapters 5-9, 11-12; Goodman, Ch. 15-25.
- October 26 **The New Deal: The Working Class**
Readings: Kennedy, Chapter 10; Goodman, Ch. 26-36.
- October 31 **African Americans in the 1930s**
Goodman, Ch. 1-43; Kennedy, 173-186, 194-211, 222-23.
- November 2 **The Great Depression and New Deal: Evaluation and Assessment**
Readings: Kennedy, Chapters 5-12 (especially 12).
- November 7 **Foreign Policy, 1933-41**
Readings: Kennedy, Chapter 13.
- November 9 **To Be Arranged**

WORLD WAR II

- November 14 **Pearl Harbor and the Early War**
Readings: Terkel, Book 1, especially pp. 19-37, 98-107.
THIRD PAPER DUE
- November 16 **The Home Front: The Mobilization**
Readings: Terkel, pp. 108-65, 225-253, 201-342.
- November 21, 23 **Thanksgiving (No Class)**
- November 28 **Fighting the War**
Readings: Terkel, Book 2 and pp. 343-384.
- November 30 **The War Experience: Women and Minorities**
Readings: Terkel, pp. 17-37, 143-59, 261-82, 341-49, 387-401.
- December 5 **The War Experience: Women and Minorities**
Readings: Terkel, pp. 17-37, 143-59, 261-82, 341-49, 387-401.
- December 7 **Ending the War**
Readings: Terkel, Book 4.
- December 12 **World War II: An Assessment**
Readings: Terkel, whole book.
- December 14 **Overview: 1916-45**
Graduate Students: INTERNET RESEARCH PAPER DUE
- December 19 **FOURTH PAPER DUE**

