

History 121 U.S. History to 1877		Dr. Mark Sigmon Fall 2007	
<u>Date</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Reading</u>	
Aug. 28	Introduction	Text ch.15	
	Reconstruction	<u>All God's Dangers</u> (pts. 1-2)	
Sep. 4	Ethnic Notions (m)		
	Triumph of Racism		
	Industrial Revolutio		
	Great Strike of 1877		
	Social Darwinism	Text ch.16	
Sept. 11	Populism		
	Spanish/American War	Text. ch.20	
	Labor Relations		
Sept. 18	Progressivism	Text ch.21	
	Catch-up and Review		
SEPT 25	FIRST MIDTERM EXAM I	Text chs.15-16,20-21	
		<u>All God's Dangers 1&2</u>	
Oct. 2	World War I	Text ch. 22	
	Emergence of the Modern Family/Roaring 20's	Text ch. 23	
Oct. 9 chs24-25	The Great Depression	Text	
	World War II	Text ch. 26	
	Rosie the Riveter (m)		
Oct. 16	Japanese Internment		
	Honor Bound (m)		
	Creation of Israel		
	Cold War Origins		
	Catch-up and Review		
OCT 23	SECOND MIDTERM	Text chs.22-26	
Oct. 30	The Cold War	Text ch. 27	
	Begin Reading <u>The Things They Carried</u>		
	The Civil Rights Movement	Text ch. 28	
	Murder of Emmitt Till (m)		
Nov. 6	Civil Disobedience (m)		
	Vietnam War	Text ch. 29	
Nov. 13	Hearts and Minds (m)	Text ch. 30	
Nov. 19-23	THANKSGIVING BREAK		
Nov. 27	Kennedy and Camelot		
	Watergate/Carter Era	text ch. 31	

Dec. 4	Reagan Era Ghost Wars	Text ch. 32
Dec. 11	“Making the Grade” Catch-up and Review for Final	
Dec. 18 th TUESDAY	FINAL EXAM	Text chs. 27-32 <u>The Things They Carried</u>

Class Policy

The text for this course is Robert Cherny's Making America a History of the United States Brief Edition Vol. B Since 1865. The text can get a little dense, so I would advise you to keep up with the reading. We will also be reading Theodore Rosengarten's All God's Dangers and Tim O'Brien's The Things They Carried. These books should be available in the bookstore. For those of you with internet access you can also order the two novels through Amazon.com.

We will have THREE exams in this class. **You must take all three exams in order to pass the class.** If you know that you will be forced to miss an exam, let me know in advance and we can make alternative arrangements. There will be two midterms worth 25% each and a final exam worth 50%. The midterms will consist of three parts. Part 1 will be devoted to short answer I.D.'s. Part 2 will consist of multiple choice questions. The I.D.'s will come from lecture, the multiple choice questions from the text. Part 3 will require you to do one of three essay questions. The final exam will be very similar to the midterms except that it will include both a short essay and a comprehensive essay.

In a history class you should learn how to develop, express, and defend your positions both verbally and in writing. I would encourage you to develop your own opinions as long as you can support your ideas with historical evidence. In class you will be presented a wide variety of information in the form of lecture, the readings, and movies. You will be asked to draw independent conclusions from this body of information, and I will evaluate you on how well you defend your positions.

We will be dealing with sensitive topics in this class. I expect you to express your viewpoints, and I enjoy a spirited class discussion. However, it is essential that you respect your classmates and their opinions in order to build a forum of trust in which meaningful discussions can take place.

My office hours will be on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10-11 and 12:30-1:30. My office is Sci. 221. I have found that few students take advantage of office hours, but you can meet me before or after class to discuss any situations that might arise. If you need to get in touch with me, my office number is 338-7563. I am also available by e-mail at msigmon@sfsu.edu.