

HISTORY 1302
United States History Since 1877

Western Texas College
Department of Social Sciences

- I. Basic Course Information
 - A. Course Description: A survey of the social, political, economic, cultural, and intellectual history of the United States from the Civil War/Reconstruction era to the present. United States History II examines industrialization, immigration, world wars, the Great Depression, Cold War and post-Cold War eras. Themes that may be addressed in United States History II include: American culture, religion, civil and human rights, technological change, economic change, immigration and migration, urbanization and suburbanization, the expansion of the federal government, and the study of U.S. foreign policy.
 - B. Prerequisites - Student should have a proficiency in reading and writing.
- II. Student Learning Outcomes: Upon successful completion of this course, students will:
 - A. Create an argument through the use of historical evidence
 - B. Analyze and interpret primary and secondary sources.
 - C. Analyze the effects of historical, social, political, economic, cultural, and global forces on this period of United States history.
- III. Major Course Requirements
 - A. Exams: There will be three to five major exams spaced throughout the semester. Exam questions may include any combination of the following: True/false, multiple choice, fill in the blanks, short answer, and essay.
 - B. Departmental Map Test: There will be one departmental map test this semester. It will cover significant places associated with World War II.
 - C. Writing Assignments: There will be multiple writing assignments spaced throughout the semester.
 - D. Collaborative Exercises: There will be multiple collaborative exercises spaced throughout the semester. Each of these assignments will require you to work with your peers analyzing/discussing documents, articles, and other information relating to the study of history.
- IV. Information on Books and Other Course Materials
 - A. *America, A Narrative History*, by George B. Tindall and others. 9th edition ISBN # 978-0-393-91262-3
- V. Other Policies: Please refer to the WTC Course [Catalog](#) for the following:
 - A. Campus Calendar
 - B. Final Exam schedule
 - C. How to drop a class
 - D. Withdrawal information
 - E. Student Conduct/Academic Integrity
 - F. Students with disabilities.

VI. Course Organization & Tentative Schedule*

Week	Topic	Reading Assignments
Week 1	Course Introduction	
Week 2	Review	
Week 3	Gilded Age: Big Business, Organized Labor, and Agrarian Revolt	<i>America</i> , Chapter 20, 21, 22
Week 4	Progressivism	<i>America</i> , Chapter 24
Week 5	Expansion/Imperialism	<i>America</i> , Chapter 23
Week 6	World War I	<i>America</i> , Chapter 25
Week 7	1920s	<i>America</i> , Chapter 26 & 27
Week 8	Depression & New Deal Progressivism	<i>America</i> , Chapter 28
Week 9	World War II	<i>America</i> , Chapter 29 & 30
Week 10	Cold War Progressivism: Fair Deal, Dynamic Conservatism, New Frontier, & the Great Society	<i>America</i> , Chapter 19, 33, & 34
Week 11	Cold War	<i>America</i> , Chapter 31 & 33
Week 12	Vietnam War	<i>America</i> , Chapter 34 & 35
Week 13	Reaction in the 1970s and the Conservative Insurgency	<i>America</i> , Chapter 35 & 36
Week 14	America at the Turn of the Century	<i>America</i> , Chapter 37
Week 15	Dead Week	
Week 16	Final Exam	

*The above schedule, policies, procedures, and assignments in this course are subject to change.

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