

COURSE RATIONALE:

The study of history is an important component of education in comprehending the past so that the present and future may be better understood. It has been said that those who do not know their past are doomed to repeat it. This course partially satisfies the requirements for an Associate Degree at Clarendon College, the core curriculum requirements, and a portion of the requirements for the State of Texas.

TEXT USED IN THE COURSE:

Tindall, George B., and Shi, David E., *America: A Narrative History*, Vol. I & II, Eighth edition, W.W. Norton & Company, 2004. (required reading)

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

History 1302 will examine the development of the United States from the Compromise of 1877 through the Obama Administration. The primary goal is to increase knowledge and understanding of how and why the United States developed as a nation. It is hoped that the students will develop critical thinking, a frame of reference, and a more meaningful awareness of their nation.

METHOD OF INSTRUCTION:

The class centers around class lecture and discussion. Discussion is essential for the exchange of ideas and greater understanding of the content. Questions will be asked to enhance the learning environment and to stimulate higher-level thinking. A term paper, maps, and other materials will also be part of the instructional process.

ASSESSMENT:

Assessment will consist of :

Five Chapter Exams	190 points	80% of the grade
Five Reports	15 points	15% of the grade
Attendance / Discussion	5 points	5% of the grade

A = 100 to 89.445

B = 89.4 to 79.445

C = 79.4 to 69.445

D = 69.4 to 59.445

F = below 59.445

COMPROMISING IN CLASS (CHEATING)

Any assignment or exam found to be compromised in any manner will result in a zero for that assignment. Plagiarizing will mean a zero for the paper.

Course Outline

Jan 18	Introduction Syllabus, Political Correctness Political Spectrum, New Adam Theory	Readings:	Chapter 19 Chapter 20
Jan 25	Discuss: The New South & New West Business and Labor	Readings:	Chapter 21 Chapter 22
Feb 1	Discuss: Urban Society Politics: Grant to McKinley	Readings:	None
Feb 8	Exam over Chapter 19 – 22 Report 1 Due	Readings:	Chapter 23 Chapter 24
Feb 15	Discuss: Imperial America Progressives	Readings:	Chapter 25 Chapter 26
Feb 22	Discuss: World War I The Twenties	Readings:	None
Mar 1	Exam over Chapters 23 – 26 Report 2 Due	Readings:	Chapter 27 Chapter 28
Mar 8	Discuss: Normalcy, the Depression The New Deal	Readings:	Chapter 29 Chapter 30
Mar 15	SPRING BREAK		
Mar 22	Discuss: Isolation & Neutrality World War II	Readings:	None
Mar 29	Exam over Chapters 27 – 30 Report 3 Due	Readings:	Chapter 31 Chapter 32
Apr 5	Discuss: Cold War & Containment Happy Days of the 50s	Readings:	Chapter 33 Chapter 34
Apr 12	Discuss: Eisenhower Administration Kennedy and the 60s	Readings:	None
Apr 19	Exam over Chapters 31 – 34 Report 4 Due	Readings:	Chapter 35 Chapter 36
Apr 26	Discuss: Nixon, Ford, Carter Reagan & the 80s	Readings:	Chapter 37

May 3 Discuss: Globalization & the 90s Readings: None

May 10 Exam over Chapters 35 – 37 (Class will meet at 7:00 p.m.)
Report 5 Due

Reports are to be at least one page, typed, and doubled spaced. They must cite sources of information and should be written in your own words. Each report is worth 3 points. They will be graded on readability, grammar and content.

Suggested Topics

1. Politicians: A. Johnson, Boss Tweed, Horace Huey P. Long, John Kennedy
H. Ross Perot, the Clintons.
2. Western stars: Belle Starr, Oakley, Hickok
3. Robert E. Lee after the War
4. Ku Klux Klan
5. Grand Army of the Republic
6. Scandals in Grant's Administration
7. Radicals: Anarchists, Wooblies, Weathermen...
8. The Indian Wars
9. Thomas Edison, James B. Duke, Alexander Graham Bell, or other inventors.
10. J.P. Morgan, Carnegie, Rockefeller.
11. The Statue of Liberty
12. Mark Twain (travels and/or stories)
13. P. T. Barnum
14. Carrie Nation
15. Gold rush: Colorado, Alaska, etc.
16. The Grange, Alliance, etc.
17. Eugene V. Debs, Socialism in the U.S.
18. Jesse James, Dalton gang, Billy the Kid
19. Admiral Dewey, Rough Riders, etc.
20. The Boxer Rebellion
21. Women's Suffrage
22. Muckrakers, Upton Sinclair, etc.
23. Pancho Villa, Pershing in Mexico
24. American troops in Russia
25. The Holocaust
26. Internment of the Japanese during World War II.
27. Karl Marx, Lenin, Stalin, Mao, etc.
28. Kaiser Wilhelm II
29. The Great White Fleet
30. Wounded Knee
31. Bonnie & Clyde
32. Cattle brands, ranching
33. The Texas Rangers
34. Amelia Airhart
35. Sinking of Lusitania,
36. Charles Lindbergh
37. Adolph Hitler, Lenin, Mussolini, etc.
38. Albert Einstein
39. The Atomic Bomb
40. Douglas MacArthur
41. D-Day Invasion
42. Pearl Harbor, Midway...
43. Watergate
44. Iran-Contra Affair
45. Monica Lewinsky
46. Impeachment of Clinton
47. Desert Storm
48. Moon Mission
49. Global Warming.
50. Computerization, internet
51. Genetic Engineering
52. Dime novels
53. Prohibition
54. Scopes Monkey Trial
55. Folk music of the 60s
56. Geronimo, Chief Joseph, Sitting Bull, etc.
57. Rock and Roll
58. Fraternal organizations
59. Political cartoon, buttons, etc.
60. Peace Corps