HISTORY 102
MR. SCHULTZ

AMERICAN HISTORY FROM THE CIVIL WAR TO THE PRESENT

Texts:
Marcus, Robert & Burner, David. AMERICA FIRSTHAND. Vol. II
Sinclair, Upton. THE JUNGLE
Livesay, Harold. ANDREW CARNEGIE AND THE RISE OF BIG BUSINESS
Lewis, Sinclair, BABBITT
Moody, Anne, COMING OF AGE IN MISSISSIPPI

COURSE MEETINGS AND REQUIREMENTS:
We require all students to attend two lectures (75 minute) and one (50 minute) discussion section each week. We will take attendance at the discussion section meetings. All examinations will be in essay format. There will be a mid-term (scheduled for October 21st), and a final examination, scheduled (by the College) for December 16th.

Writing Assignment:
All students enrolled in the course will write one short (3-5 pages) essay in response to one of ten topic sentences to be handed out in class. Readings for the essay may include portions of the assigned readings for the course, but also will include additional reading on the topic. We will aid and guide you in selection of bibliography.

Readings:
We will give the specific order of reading assignments in discussion sections.

Grading Policies:
We will evaluate your work in the course based upon the essay examinations, the writing assignment, and attendance at and participation in the required discussion sections. Improvement in performance over the semester will always result in a higher grade; in cases where a final grade hovers between two possibilities, the student whose work has shown improvement will receive the higher of the two possibilities.
COURSE OUTLINE AND LECTURE TOPICS

LECTURE TOPICS

I. THE RECONSTRUCTION OF AMERICAN SOCIETY, 1865-1920s

History, Historians, and You
Reconstructing the Nation
The "New South"? Promises and Propaganda
Which "Old West" and Whose?
The Gilded Age and the Politics of Corruption
Businessmen and "That Creature" the Corporation
Labor and the Workers' Search for Power
Foreign Immigrants in Industrial America
The Great Migration: Blacks in White America
How Ya' Gonna' Keep 'Em Down on the Farm?: Populism
The Dawn of Liberalism: Progressivism
Roosevelt, Wilson, and the Morality of Power
Women, Feminism, and Sex in Progressive America

MID-TERM EXAMINATION * * *
Oct. 21

II. THE REORDERING OF AMERICAN SOCIETY, 1920s-PRESENT

The Politics of Prosperity: the 1920s
The Politics of Frustration: the 1920s
Crashing Hopes: The Great Depression
Liberalism at High Noon: The New Deal
"Dr. New Deal" Becomes "Dr. Win-the-War"
From New Deal to Fair Deal: New Game?
The Coils of Cold War
The Affluent Society: the 1950s
The Thousand Days of Knights: The Kennedy Years

****Thanksgiving Recess, Nov. 25-28****

Civil Rights in an Uncivil Society
The Almost "Great Society": The Johnson Years
The Asian Connection: Road to Vietnam
The Twilight of Liberalism: The Nixon Years
Watergate, the Presidency, and Modern America