Texts:

James W. Davidson, Mark H. Lytle, AFTER THE FACT: THE ART OF HISTORICAL DETECTION
THE AUTOBIOGRAPHY OF MALCOLM X (Grove Press ed.)

Examinations and Assignments:

There will be two examinations, one scheduled on July 10th, the second a final examination on August 7th. Both examinations will be essay examinations and will take place in class. Study questions for both examinations are attached to this syllabus.

Because of the pressures of time and the amount of material in the course, you must do the reading promptly and regularly. If you fall behind, you will find catching-up difficult. You also will profit more from the lectures and discussion of the material if you have read about the topic in advance.

COURSE OUTLINE AND READINGS

I. THE RECONSTRUCTION OF AMERICAN SOCIETY, 1865-1919

LECTURE TOPICS

| Introductory Remarks | June 17 |
| Reconstructing the Nation | June 18 |
| The "New South"? Promises and Propaganda | June 19 |
| Which "Old West" and Whose? | June 23 |
| The Gilded Age and the Politics of Corruption | June 24 |
| Businessmen and "That Creature" the Corporation | June 25 |
| Labor and the Workers' Search for Power | June 26 |
| Foreign Immigrants in Industrial America | June 30 |
| The Great Migration: Blacks in White America | July 1 |
| How Ya' Gonna' Keep 'Em Down on the Farm? | July 2 |
| The Dawn of Liberalism | July 3 |
| The Policeman of the World | July 7 |
| Roosevelt, Wilson, and the Morality of Power | July 8 |
* * * Study Day for Mid-Term * * *
July 9

* * * MID-TERM EXAMINATION * * *
July 10

Readings: (Please read in the order given here)

The Great Republic, pp. 486-515/ 520-26/ 528-32, 572-83/
527-28, 542-57/ 534-37, 562-71/ 627-32/ 632-34/ 532-34,
557-62, 583-93/ 596-626, 635-45, 682-88/ 518-20, 646-81,
688-95.
After the Fact, Chs. 7, 8, 9

II. THE REDIRECTION OF AMERICAN SOCIETY, 1919-PRESENT

The Politics of Prosperity: 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 Politics of Tranquility: the 1950s
The Rise and Fall of Camelot
Civil Rights in an Uncivil Society
The Almost "Great Society"
The Road to Vietnam
The Twilight of Liberalism: The Nixon Years
From Nixon to Nowhere

* * * Study Day for Final * * *
Aug. 6

* * * FINAL EXAMINATION * * *
Aug. 7

Readings:
The Great Republic, pp. 700-27/ 728-32/ 732-49/ 749-72/
773-91/ 792-97/ 797-800, 809-13/ 814-18/ 800-03, 818-19,
820-21, 828-30/ 826-28, 833-41/ 803-09, 819-26, 833-32, 848/
842-47, 848-52/ 852-69.
After the Fact, Chs. 10, 11, 12, 14
Autobiography of Malcolm X