Basic Requirements: The questions for both the mid-term and final will be distributed the third week of classes. Each student will be expected to participate in a workshop on some social history topic. An additional short essay or project may result from the workshop.

Reading Outline

American Social History, 1865-1910

Background:

* Carl Degler, The Age of the Economic Revolution, 1876-1900
* Robert Wiebe, The Search for Order, 1877-1920
* Samuel Hays, The Response to Industrialism, 1885-1914
  Ray Ginger, Age of Excess: The United States from 1877 to 1914

Contemporary Views:

* Booker T. Washington, Up From Slavery
* James W. Johnson, Along This Way
* Willa Cather, My Antonia
  Hamlin Garland, A Son of the Middle Border
  Jane Addams, Twenty Years at Hull-House
  Abraham Cahan, The Rise of David Levinsky

Reading on Special Topics:


Mid-Term:

American Social History, 1890-1930

Background:

M. White, Social Thought in America
L.A. Cremin, The Transformation of the School
H. Pelling, American Labor

Contemporary Views:

*James W. Johnson, Along This Way
*Dorothy Richardson, Women at Work [in William L. O'Neill, ed., Women at Work (1972)]
*Ernest Hemingway, A Moveable Feast
*Sinclair Lewis, Main Street
  Sinclair Lewis, Babbitt
  Robert S. Lynd & H.M. Lynd, Middletown
  William Haywood, The Autobiography of Big Bill Haywood
  Walter Lippmann, A Preface to Politics
  M. Cowley, Exile's Return
  Freda Kirchwey (ed.), Our Changing Morality: A Symposium (1924)

Reading on Special Topics:

Christopher Lasch, The New Radicalism in America 1889-1963: The Intellectual as a Social Type.
David Kennedy, Birth Control in America: The Career of Margaret Sanger
Calvin Coolidge, "Whose Country is This?" Good Housekeeping, February 1921: 13-14, 106, 108.
Robert Woods and A. Kennedy, The Zone of Emergence.

American Social History, 1930-1970

Background:

E.F. Goldman, The Crucial Decade and After.
*Carl N. Degler, Affluence and Anxiety.
*Richard Krikus, Pursuing the American Dream: White Ethics and the Populism
  R. Warren, Community in America.

Contemporary Views:

*Woody Guthrie, Bound for Glory.
James Agee & Walker Evans, Let Us Now Praise Famous Men.
Studs Terkel, Hard Times.
James T. Farrell, Studs Lonigan.

Doris Lessing, A Proper Marriage.
Mirra Kamarovsky, Blue Collar Marriage.
Helena Lopata, Widowhood in an American City (pp. 15-39)
Malcolm (Little) X, The Autobiography of Malcolm X.
Richard Wright, Black Boy.
*Anne Moody, Coming of Age in Mississippi.

John Updike, Rabbit Run.
Philip Roth, Portnoy's Complaint.
*M. Medved and D. Wallechinsky, What Really Happened to the Class of '65?

(A supplemental list of Social History materials for the fifties and sixties will be provided later in the term.)

*Available at University Bookstore
#On reserve at Historical Society.