

History 398  
Department of History  
University of Wisconsin

Summer Term, 1988  
Four Week Sesion

Professor John Sharpless  
4110 Humanities Building

Course Calender

**Week 1**

13 June: Historical Background: The Great Depression and the Great War

14 June: The Truman Years: Domestic Policies and International Affairs

15 June: The Emergence of the "Cold War:" 1944 - 1952

16 June: The Political Economy of Middle Class America: Government Subsidity and Prosperity in the Fifties

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Required Reading: Stephen Ambrose, Rise to Globalism, pp. 1 - 54 (optional); 55 - 131; N. L. Rosenberg & E.S. Rosenberg, In Our Times, pp. 1 - 90; Gwendolyn Wright, "The New Suburban Expansion and the American Dream," Building the American Dream, pp. 240 -261 (Kinko's Reader)  
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**Week 2**

20 June: American Foreign Policy in the Eisenhower Years: The Dulles Brothers and American Empire

21 June: Domestic Anti-Communism and Joe McCarthy: "What Evil Lurks in the Hearts of Men?!"

22 June: Social Trends, 1945 - 1963: Home, Family and Suburbia

23 June: Civil Rights and Black America, An Overview

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required Reading: S. E. Ambrose, Rise to Globalism, pp. 132 - 179; Rosenberg & Rosenberg, In Our Times, pp. 59 - 108; B.W. Cook & G. Markowitz, "The Fifties: Documents" (Kinko's Reader).  
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Optional Discussion: Friday, 24 June: Time and Place to be arranged.  
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**Week 3**

27 June: The Kennedy Years: A Thousand and One Knights

28 June: MID-TERM EXAMINATION

29 June: Lyndon Johnson and the American Vision

30 June: Vietnam: Victory Without Honor, Honor Without Victory

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Required Reading: S.E. Ambrose, Rise to Globalism, pp. 180 - 230;  
Rosenberg & Rosenberg, In Our Times, pp. 110-194.

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**Week 4**

5 July: The Nixon Presidency: The Man Without a Past?

6 July: American in the 1970's: Disillusionment and Drift

7 July: Reagan and the Triumph of Neo-Conservatism

8 July: TAKE-HOME FINAL EXAMINATION DUE: 12:00 (Noon)

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Required Reading: S.E. Ambrose, Rise to Globalism, pp. 259 - 345;  
Rosenberg & Rosenberg, In Our Time, pp. 197 - 308;  
Robert Bellah, et al., Habits of the Heart (pages  
to be assigned).