

UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN
DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY
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HISTORY 102

MR. SCHULTZ

Teaching Assistants:

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AMERICAN HISTORY FROM THE CIVIL WAR
TO THE PRESENT

Texts:

Davidson, James W., *et al*, Nation of Nations (2d ed), vol. II

Marcus, Robert & Burner, David, America Firsthand, vol. II

Sinclair, Upton, The Jungle

Yesierska, Anzia, Bread Givers

Polenberg, Richard, One Nation Divisible

The Autobiography of Malcolm X

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 and short answer format. There will be a mid-term (scheduled for October 21st), and a final examination, scheduled (by the College) for December 20th.

Writing Assignment:

All students enrolled in the course will write one short (5-8 pages) essay on a historical topic to be chosen after consultation either with a Teaching Assistant or the instructor. The nature of and requirements for this essay will be discussed in discussion sections. This paper will be due **no later than December 1, 1994.**

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 always will 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

DATE

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

History, Historians, and You

Sept. 1

Reconstructing the Nation

6

The "New South"? Promises and Propaganda

8

Which "Old West" and Whose?	13
The Gilded Age and the Politics of Corruption	15
Businessmen and "That Creature" the Corporation	20
Labor and the Workers' Search for Power	22
Foreign Immigrants in Industrial America	27
The Great Migration: Blacks in White America	29
How Ya' Gonna' Keep 'Em Down on the Farm?: Populism	Oct. 4
The Dawn of Liberalism: Progressivism	6
The Policeman of the World	11
Roosevelt, Wilson, and the Morality of Power	13
Women, Feminism, and Sex in Progressive America	18

MID-TERM EXAMINATION * * *

Oct. 20

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

The Politics of Prosperity: the 1920s	Oct. 25
The Politics of Frustration: the 1920s	27
Crashing Hopes: The Great Depression	Nov. 1
Liberalism at High Noon: The New Deal	3
"Dr. New Deal" Becomes "Dr. Win-the-War"	8
From New Deal to Fair Deal: New Game?	10
The Coils of Cold War	15
The Affluent Society: the 1950s	17
The Thousand Days of Knights: The Kennedy Years	22

****Thanksgiving Recess, Nov. 24-27****

Civil Rights in an Uncivil Society	29
The Almost "Great Society": The Johnson Years	Dec. 1
The Asian Connection: Road to Vietnam	6
The Twilight of Liberalism: The Nixon Years	8
Watergate and the American Presidency	13
The Road to Confusion: Carter to Clinton	15