US History Since 1877 122-015

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Books

Online text book: You have access to a free on-line textbook that you can utilize. http://www.ushistory.org/us/index.asp starting with Chapter 35. Do not use this book as your main source for the essay questions – those answers must come from the lectures. The text is to be used as a supplementary source.

Beals Warriors Don't' Cry Snyder, *Tyranny*

Welcome to 122. Academic Objectives: You should develop the following competencies and skills:

- 1. A basic factual knowledge of the people, issues and events of the period.
- 2. Enhanced general and historical research abilities.
- 3. Enhanced ability to analyze historical data, reach informed conclusions, and present your ideas and conclusions in a clear concise way.

Please use only use your MSU email when sending email correspondence to me in this course. It is also helpful if you include your Bear Pass student ID number.

University policies are on Blackboard. It is your responsibility to know university policies.

Grades

There are 2 multiple choice/essay midterms worth 100 points. The final exam which will contain a question on *Tyranny* is worth 100 points on top of the 100-point final exam – total 200 points. There is an essay on *Coming of Age in Mississippi* and How the Other Half Lives worth 100 points each. Class participation is worth 100 points.

Total 700 points 700-650 A 649-599 B 598-448 C 447-397 D There will be no make-up exams without a verifiable immediate medical excuse or emergency-as soon as you know. **DO NOT** contact me days after the exam asking for a make-up.

Schedule

This class covers American History from the end of the Civil War to the election of 2016.

1/18 Introduction: Schools of History

1/20 Reconstruction

1/25The American West

1/27 American Empire

2/1 Industrialization, Urbanization, Immigration

2/3 Industrialization, Urbanization, Immigration Test: How the Other Half Lives

2/8 American Politics: 1877-1912

2/10 WW I

2/15 The Twenties

2/17 Exam I

2/22 The Depression

2/24 The New Deal "Letter from Minnie Hardin"

3/1 WWII

3/3 Cold War Part I

3/8 The Cold War Part II

3/10 Civil Rights

3/15-17 Spring Break

3/22 Test: Warriors Don't Cry

3/29 The Sixties

- 3/31Modern Feminism
- 4/5 Vietnam
- 4/7 Vietnam
- 4/12Watergate
- 4/14 The Seventies
- 4/19 The Reagan Revolution
- 4/21 Bush I, Clinton
- 4/26 Bush II, Obama
- 4/28 The United States of Conspiracy
- 5/3 The Election of Donald Trump

5/5 OPEN

FINAL EXAM Thursday May 19 1:15-3:15