

Survey of the History of the United States Since 1877 (online)

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If you communicate with me through email, you MUST use your MSU email. This is MSU's policy, not mine.

Email is ALWAYS the best way to reach me. I usually stop checking my email around 6pm on weekdays; I check it rarely on weekends. During the week, I respond to all emails within 24 hours (usually much sooner). On the weekends or during holiday breaks, it may take 48 hours or longer. **If I have not responded to an email (during the week) within 24 hours, please email me again.** It's not nagging.

A FEW NOTES ON EMAIL ETIQUETTE

- 1) Your email should include a proper citation (Hello Dr. Gram, Dear Dr. Gram, etc), plus your class AND section number (so I can more quickly answer your question).
- 2) You should always check the syllabus, the announcements folder on Blackboard, and assignment prompts to make sure that your question has not already been answered somewhere else.
- 3) Please do not email me to ask when assignments will be graded. I will always email the entire class when I am done grading an assignment.

A NOTE ABOUT ACADEMIC DISHONESTY:

I do not tolerate cheating in my course. The most common forms of cheating I see are: using prohibited sources on assignments, copying other students' assignments, and plagiarism –

usually, but not always, in the form of representing someone else's work or ideas as your own. This list is not exhaustive, and you are responsible for being familiar with MSU's Academic Dishonesty Policy (see the "University Policies" on Blackboard).

You are all adults now, and I will hold you to adult standards. If I suspect academic dishonesty has occurred, I will certainly give you a chance to explain your side. However, if I still believe cheating has occurred, I will report it to the university -- as I am required to do. **You will most likely automatically receive a zero on any assignment where I believe cheating took place. You will have no opportunity to make up the work or improve that grade. If it is a particularly egregious example of cheating, the first time you are caught may have additional consequences. If you are caught cheating a second time, you will most likely automatically fail the course – probably with an XF (yes, this has happened multiple times before).** The University provides you an opportunity to protest an accusation of academic dishonesty. Hopefully, I will never have a need to discuss this process with any of you, but we will certainly go over this as part of discussing any alleged incident of cheating.

Course Description:

In this course, we will examine the major social, economic, political, and cultural developments in US history following the Civil War. We'll examine how Americans grappled with the promises and perils of the Second Industrial Revolution. We'll watch as the United States completes its conquest of the American West, then looks outward to ponder what sort of role it should have in the larger world. We'll study how the United States emerged from a crushing international depression and two world wars to become a global power. We'll see America struggle to survive in and shape a new world constantly living under the threat of nuclear war, and examine how Americans responded to the challenges of the Cold War era--both internationally and on the home front. Finally, we'll follow the United States as it emerges into a new post-Cold war world, and we'll watch Americans strive to find a new understanding of who they are and what America should be.

General Education Learning Outcomes:

Successful completion of HIST 122 should help students to:

- 1) Identify the rights and responsibilities they have in their own communities and the broader society
- 2) Recognize the ways in which they can exercise their rights and responsibilities
- 3) Understand, critically examine, and articulate key similarities and differences between their own cultural practices and perspectives and those of other cultures, past and present

4) Analyze the role that different languages, cultures, institutions, and beliefs have in shaping individual and collective behavior.

Required Texts:

1) *American Yawp*. (Access it online for FREE at www.americanyawp.com)

2) Foner, *Voices of Freedom*. 6th edition, Volume 2.

(Make sure it is SIXTH edition, Volume TWO!)

Class Assignments:

Exams (100 each)	200
Workshop Assignments (50 each)	350
Final Project (Multiple Parts)	<u>300</u>
	850

CALCULATING FINAL GRADES:

800+ = A	680-714 = B-	570-594 = D+
765-799 = A-	655-679 = C+	510-569 = D
740-764 = B+	630-654 = C	(MSU does not assign D-)
715-739 = B	595-629 = C-	<510 = F

Explanation of Assignments:

EXAMS (200 pts total; 100 pts each)

Twice this semester we will have a take home essay exam. You will receive the prompt closer to time.

WORKSHOP ASSIGNMENTS (350 pts total; 50 pts each)

Most weeks this semester you will complete a “history workshop” assignment as part of your weekly activities. You will get the exact instructions for each workshop assignment in the appropriate weekly folder

FINAL PROJECT (300pts total)

Rather than a Final Exam this semester, you will turn in a Final Project. You will create a mock public history presentation that brings together many of the history workshop skills we learn together this semester. More details will be provided in the Final Project prompt.

You will turn in three separate assignments as part of your final project: a topic proposal, a list of sources, and then the final project itself. Details about how to complete the topic proposal and the list of sources will be given closer to time.

LATE SUBMISSIONS

You may submit assignments in this course (including the essay exams) up to 24 hours late for a 15% penalty. You may submit them up to 48 hours late for a 30% penalty. No late assignments will be accepted after 48 hours.

The one exception to this policy is the Final Project submission due during Finals Week. Because I must grade a significant number of projects and papers across multiple classes, I cannot let work trickle late over the course of Finals Week.

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