

## United States History 1877- Present

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### Required texts:

***America: A Narrative History. Vol 2, Brief 10<sup>th</sup> Edition.*** David E. Shi and George Brown Tindall,  
W. W. Norton & Company. ISBN-13: 978-0393265989

### Course Objective:

- \* This course examines the growth of the United States from a continental power in 1877 to a global superpower. Students will learn the political, cultural, economic, and military aspects of American expansion in the nineteenth and twentieth centuries and understand how past events created contemporary America.

### Course Requirements

- \* **Attendance:** Everyone is expected to attend class every week. Attendance and positive class participation will be taken into account for border line grades. An e-mail sent directly to me from the Dean of Academic Achievement is required to make up any work.
- \* **Class Etiquette:** Everyone is required to participate in a manner supportive to learning.
  - **Cell and smart phones** are required to be turned off before the start of class. Any student seen using their phone during class-time will incur a **5-point penalty** from their final grade score for each infraction.
  - **Laptops** are not permitted during class.
- \* **Research Essay:** The course research project will consist of an eight (8) page (minimum) interpretive essay (explained in detail later in the syllabus). **Neglecting to complete this assignment in will result in an automatic failure of the course.**
- \* **Quizzes:** Quizzes based on weekly assigned text readings will be given every class.
- \* **Exams:** There will be a mid-term exam and comprehensive final.
- \* **10 Point Penalty** – will be assessed to any quiz or exam not written with a pencil, or black or blue ink pen.

### Grade Percentages

25 % Quiz Average  
20 % Mid-Term  
25 % Essay  
30 % Final Exam  
100% Course Average

### Calculating your course grade

Quiz average    Score / 100 x 25  
Mid-term        Score / 100 x 20  
Essay average    Score / 100 x 25  
Final Exam      Score / 100 x 30  
Sum (+) =        Course Average

### Grading Scale:

A	=94-100	C	=74-76
A -	=90-93	C -	=70-73
B+	=87-89	D+	=67-69
B	=84-86	D	=64-66
B -	=80-83	D -	=60-63
C+	=77-79	F	= 0-59

- \* **Academic Dishonesty:** This includes any unacknowledged use or misappropriation of material(s), as in the cases of cheating or plagiarism. Penalties for academic dishonesty: A faculty member or the AHJB can assign penalties appropriate to the offense, up to the maximum penalties listed below.

### Offense

Cheating or plagiarism on tests, quizzes, papers, or exams.  
Cheating or plagiarism on either in or out of class assignments  
(*Susquehanna University Student Handbook*)

### Maximum Penalty

Failure in course  
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## Tentative Course Outline

### Weeks 1-6

- The End of Reconstruction and the Rise of American Industrialism
- The Impact of Modernization on Industrial and Urban Growth.
- Immigration, Labor and, Urban Society in the Gilded Age.
- Populism, Progressivism and the Age of Reform.
- The Spanish-American War and American Imperialism
- Imperial America
- Wilson and World War I Neutrality
- The U.S. and World War I

**\*\*\*\* Interpretive Essay Due \*\*\*\***  
**February 20**

- Woodrow Wilson and Post-war Peace.

**\*\*\*\* Mid-Term \*\*\*\***  
**March 6**

### Weeks 7-14

- The Red Scare, the "Roaring Twenties," the Great Depression and New Deal
- World War II, the Cold War, and the Red Scare
- Martin Luther King and the Civil Rights movement
- American Society in the 1950s and 1960s and the rise of the Counter Culture.
- The 1960s and the Vietnam War
- LBJ and the Great Society
- Nixon, Ford, and Carter
- Reagan, American Society, and the Cold War in the 1980s.
- The 1990s: Bush and Clinton
- The 21<sup>st</sup> Century: Bush and the War against Terrorism

**\*\*\*\*\* Comprehensive Final \*\*\*\*\***  
**May 8**

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## Spring 2019 Calendar

Wednesday HIST:112

### January

**30**

Quiz: Chapters 17-18

### February

**6**

Quiz: Chapters 19, 21

**13**

Quiz: Chapter 20  
Handout: U.S.S. *Maine*

**20**

**Essays Due**  
Quiz: Movie Flu Epidemic

**27**

Quiz: Chapters 22

### March

**6**

**Mid-Term**

**13**

**Break ;-)**

**20**

Quiz: Chapter 23-24

**27**

Quiz: Chapter 25

### April

**3**

Quiz: Chapter 26

**10**

Quiz: Chapter 27

**17**

Quiz: Chapter 28

**24**

Quiz: Chapter 29-30

### May

**1**

Quiz: Chapter 31

**8**

**Final Exam**  
6:00 pm