

History 2112-United States History after 1865
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Section 02, 12:00-12:50pm, M,W,F Pafford 204
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Course Description: This course will examine the history of the United States, from Reconstruction through present day. In addition to acquiring basic historical information, students will learn principles of historical interpretation, including how to analyze primary sources. More importantly, though, students will hopefully be able to relate the past to their lives today.

Purpose: This course will encourage critical academic skills necessary in a university setting including reading, listening, responsive writing, and most importantly, *thinking*.

U.S. Perspectives Learning Outcome: Students demonstrate an understanding of the social, cultural, or political development of the people and institutions of the United States.

Attendance Policy: *Students who want to succeed will come to class.* It's that simple. Since this is mainly a lecture-based class, you will need to hear the lectures in order to do well on the exams.

Electronic Devices: As a courtesy to your fellow students, please silence ALL electronic devices when entering class. If an electronic device goes off during an exam, you will turn in your exam immediately and leave. No exceptions! If you need to take notes on a lap top, it is permissible to bring those to class. The only exception, however, is exam day-NO LAP TOPS DURING EXAMS!

Academic Honesty: No form of cheating will be tolerated. Students caught cheating will receive an **F** for the assignment and possible failure for the course. Don't do it!!!

Grades and Examinations:

Occasional response papers: 10%

Formal Critique paper: 10%

Exam #1: 25%

Exam #2: 25%

Final Exam: 30%

Exams will consist of 50 multiple-choice questions. You will need three (3) large scantrons (NCS exam form #229633) for the exams. Note: I will be using Course Den to display your grades.

Required Reading: There are two required books for this course:

-**Henretta** *America: A Concise History, Vol. II*. ISBN: 0-312-48543-3

-**Riis** *How the Other Half Lives*. ISBN: 0-312-57401-0

-occasional online reading assignments: TBA via Course Den

The textbook (Henretta) will be used as a general guide for learning. You will be responsible for reading the weekly assigned information in the text. The other book (*How the Other Half Lives*) is an examination and expose of poverty in New York City during the 1890s. You will read the book, and then write a three page formal critique of the reading. (Further instructions for this writing assignment will be given before the assignment is due.)

In addition, you will also be writing a short, two-paragraph response paper over occasionally assigned online readings, due on Fridays. I will NOT accept emailed papers; you must turn in a hard-copy of every paper.

NOTE: This schedule is subject to change. Students will be notified of any changes via all-class email on Course Den.

Week 1- Aug. 22-26. Readings: **Henretta- Chapters 15, 16**

Week 2- Aug. 29-Sept.2. Reading: **TBA online reading. Response paper #1 due in class on Sept 2.**

Week 3- No Class Sept.5 (Labor Day) Sept 7-9 Reading: **Henretta-Chapter 17**

Week 4- Sept 12-16. Readings: **Henretta- Chapters 18, 19**

Week 5- Sept. 21-23. Reading: *How the Other Half Lives*. **Formal Critique Paper due in class on Sept 23!!**

Week 6- Exam #1 Monday Sept. 26 Sept 28-30 Reading: **Henretta-Chapter 20**

Week 7- Oct. 3-7. Readings: **Henretta-Chapter 21; TBA online reading. Response paper #2 due in class on Oct. 7**

Week 8-Oct. 10-14. Reading: **Henretta-Chapter 22. (Friday, Oct. 14- Last day to withdraw with grade of W)**

Week 9-Oct. 17-21. Reading: **Henretta-Chapter 23**

Week 10-Oct. 24-28. Readings: **Henretta-Chapter 24; TBA online reading. Response paper #3 due in class on Oct. 28**

Week 11- Exam #2 Monday October 31. Nov. 2- 4. Reading: **Henretta-Chapter 25**

Week 12- Nov. 7-11. Reading: **Henretta- Chapters 26, 27**

Week 13- Nov. 14-18. Reading: **Henretta- Chapter 28. Response paper #4 due in class on Nov. 18**

Week 14- No Classes Nov. 21-25 (Thanksgiving Recess)

Week 15- Nov. 28-Dec. 2 Readings: **Henretta-Chapters 29, 30; TBA online reading. Response Paper #5 due in class on Dec. 2**

Final Exam: Wednesday, Dec. 7, 2011 11am-1pm Pafford 204