

History 2112
United States History Since 1865
Joe Anderson, Instructor

Section 01, 9:05-10:00, MWF, TLC 1203
Section 02, 11:15-12:10, MWF, Pafford 204
University of West Georgia
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Course Description: This course is a broad survey of US history. Topics include politics, society, economy, technology, diplomacy, and warfare. Students will learn how Americans dealt with change in the period after the Civil War.

Purpose: There are three goals for this class. The first is for students to understand important people events, trends, ideas, and movements in the United States since 1865. The second goal is for students to recognize how these developments in American society relate to their lives today. The third goal is for students to improve their academic skills, particularly reading, writing, and listening. Students demonstrate their understanding through exams and occasional quizzes.

Instructor and Office Hours: Joe Anderson is the instructor for the course. His office is 3221 TLC. Office hours are MWF 10:15-11:00 and 2:00-4:00 or by appointment.

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Attendance: Students who want to succeed come to class. Class meetings will consist of lecture, discussion of reading materials, opportunity for questions, and exam review. The instructor does not provide copies of lecture notes to students who miss class. Students who need to miss an exam should contact the instructor in advance. A period for make-up exams will be scheduled during the week before finals.

Academic Courtesy: Students expect respect from their instructor and fellow students during class meetings. Students show respect by raising their hands to indicate that they have a question or comment, turning off cell phones during class meetings, refraining from conversation when another person is speaking, and paying attention during class. Please do not come to class to read the newspaper, use the internet, sleep, or to work on other assignments.

Students need to plan ahead to arrive on time, pay attention, and stay for the entire fifty minute period.

Academic Honesty: Academic honesty is expected of all students. Students who are caught cheating will receive a failing grade for the assignment. Most importantly, students should not hand in assignments that are plagiarized from historians or copied

from other students. Students should consult the University Honor Code for more information.

Required Reading: There are four books for this course.

- *Liberty, Equality, Power: A History of the American People since 1863*, by John M. Murrin *et al.*
- Edward Bellamy, *Looking Backward, 2000-1887*
- Russell Baker, *Growing Up*
- Anne Moody, *Coming of Age in Mississippi*.

Use the textbook as a reference and narrative. It covers far more information than we will be able to discuss in class meetings. It is valuable to check facts and gain context for each period or topic discussed in class. The other books, a novel and two memoirs, are used to provide students with a more in depth understanding than the textbook provides. There will be specific exam questions based on the required readings.

Grades and Examinations: There are three exams in the course. Each exam will include an essay and short answer section. The essay will cover a broad topic relating to the material covered between each exam. The short answer will cover one of the assigned books for each exam. Exams are worth 100 points. *Students will need to bring an unmarked bluebook to class to each exam.* Bluebooks are available at the University Book Store.

Exam I	100 points
Exam II	100 points
Exam III (final)	100 points
Total	300 points

Exams and final course grades will be on a ten point scale: 100-94% A, 93-90% A-, 89-87% B+, 86-83% B, 82-80% B-, 79-77% C+, 76-73 C, 72-70 C-, 69-67 D+, 66-63% D, 62-60% D-, 59-0% F.

Students may take make-up examinations if they contact the instructor in advance of the test. However, all make-up examinations will be administered during the last week of classes before finals week at a time and place to be announced.

There may be unannounced quizzes. Quiz points will be considered extra credit.

Email communication: Students and faculty must use University of West Georgia email accounts for all electronic communication (i.e., jstudent@westga.edu). This is for the protection of students and faculty.

Email can enhance communication, but it is not a substitute for face-to-face communication. Plan a meeting with the instructor if you have concerns about any class-related issues.

WebCT: The instructor plans to utilize WebCT for posting a copy of the syllabus and student grades. It is not, however, set up as of the first day of class. The instructor will make an in-class announcement as soon as the account is established.

Class Schedule and Assignments

Week of August 14

Course Introduction

America in 1865

Reconstruction

*****Friday, August 18 NO CLASS**

Liberty, Equality, Power, chapter 17

Week of August 21

Reconstruction, continued

Westward Expansion

Liberty, Equality, Power, Chapter 18

Week of August 28

Industrialization and Urbanization

Liberty, Equality, Power, Chapter 19

Bellamy, *Looking Backward, 2000-1887*, Chapters 1-14

Week of September 4

Farm Rebellions and Populism

*****Monday, September 4 NO CLASS**

Liberty, Equality, Power, Chapter 20

Bellamy, *Looking Backward, 2000-1887*, Chapters 15-28

Week of September 11

America and the World

*****Friday, September 15 EXAM I**

Liberty, Equality, Power, Chapter 22

Week of September 18

Progressive America

Liberty, Equality, Power, Chapter 21

Week of September 25

World War I

Liberty, Equality, Power, Chapter 23

Week of October 2

The 1920s

Liberty, Equality, Power, Chapter 24

Week of October 9

The Great Depression

*****Monday, October 9 NO CLASS**

Liberty, Equality, Power, Chapter 25

Baker, *Growing Up*, Chapters 1-6

Week of October 16

The Great Depression

Baker, *Growing Up*, Chapters 7-18

Week of October 23

The Great Depression

World War II

*****Wednesday, October 25 EXAM II**

Week of October 30

World War II

Liberty, Equality, Power, Chapter 26

Week of November 6

Politics and Foreign Policy, 1945-1960

Liberty, Equality, Power, Chapter 27

Week of November 13

The 1950s at Home

Liberty, Equality, Power, Chapter 28

Moody, *Coming of Age in Mississippi*, Parts 1-2

Week of November 20

JFK and LBJ: Domestic and Foreign Policy

Nixon Years, 1968-1975

Liberty, Equality, Power, Chapter 29

Moody, *Coming of Age in Mississippi*, Parts 3-4

Week of November 27

The 1970s to 2000: End of the Cold War and The South Rises Again

Review

Liberty, Equality, Power, Chapters 30-31

Week of December 4

*****EXAM III (FINAL) Date, time and location to be announced**