**United States History since 1865**

**HIST 2112**  
Section 92 - CRN 11020  
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**Class Location**  
Newnan 140  
Tue/Thu, 9:00 – 10:15 am

**NOTICE:** Please use the internal CourseDen email for general correspondence. This is the official email for this class. I cannot answer questions, accept assignments, or discuss grades via external email.

**Office Hours** – Newnan Room 225  
Tuesday, 12:30 pm – 2:00 pm  
Wednesday, 9:00 am – 10:45 am  
**and by appointment (please contact me if you would like to meet beyond these office hours and we can set up a meeting)**

**Course Description and Learning Outcomes**  
History is not just a study of names and dates. While there are names and dates that are important to remember, it is important to connect them to broader events and issues. It is also important to note how change occurs over time. This course covers the history of the United States since 1865. We will study people, places, and events in social, cultural, political, and economic terms.

In this course, "Students will demonstrate the ability to understand the political, social, economic, or cultural dimensions of American history."

**Required Texts and Materials**  
**Textbooks**


**You must purchase/rent/check-out the above texts for this class. All of the books are available in the Main Campus (Carrollton) bookstore.**

**Internet Resources**  
In this course, you will utilize Web resources that supplement the assigned texts. These include websites and PDF files, which you will see as links in the syllabus. You will also be required to do assignments and readings on CourseDen. You must have access to a computer and reliable internet service in order to turn in assignments, take quizzes, and access necessary documents.

**Documents located on CourseDen that you must read the first week of class. There will be a quiz over these documents!**

1. Syllabus
Assignments and Grading

Class Participation
Class participation grades will include multiple factors. First is attendance. If you do not show up, you cannot participate, and this will negatively impact your grade. Second is participating in class discussion. Your comments/actions need to be relevant to the discussion and reflect the fact that you have done the readings. Third is participation in the book discussions. There are two classes set aside specifically for these discussions. Missing any of these discussions will be an automatic deduction in your participation grade. Fourth, we will also do class activities (debates, reenactments, etc.). You are expected to participate in these activities unless a previously documented issue prevents you from doing so. Fourth are quizzes (see below). Fifth are online activities, including but not limited to response papers and discussion boards. Sixth is your reading response journal (see specific instructions on CourseDen).

Reading Response Journal
This will be 10% of your participation grade. You have readings almost every day of the semester. You will pick ten of them to write a response about. Specific instructions are on CourseDen.

Quizzes
There will be quizzes given on random class days throughout the semester. These will be pass/fail grades. They will cover reading material that was assigned for the day’s discussion. There will be no make-up quiz if you are late to class or have an unexcused absence. The quizzes will be included in your participation grade. You may use handwritten notes for the quizzes.

Interview Based Essay
For your main project for the semester you will be writing an interview-based essay. You will interview someone that has experienced something that we have covered in class. Based on class readings, lectures, and discussions, and additional research on your part, you will formulate questions and interview the person you chose. Then using all of that information, you will write a paper on it. Please see specific guidelines on CourseDen (grades will be based off of the instructions on CourseDen).

Book Reviews
There are two book reviews (one each for Flapper and God's Long Summer). Each of these reviews should be at least one page in length and no more than two pages. This is not a book report. Analysis is key. Include the main argument of the book, how it relates to class lectures and other class readings, and whether or not you agree with the argument and why. You must support your point of view with evidence from the book, lectures, and readings. The review should also include two to three concepts or questions from the book that you would like to discuss in class.
Specific guidelines for the book reviews will be posted on CourseDen. Your grade will be based on the book review guidelines on Coursedden, not this overview. For all out of class writing assignments, please consider utilizing the Writing Center, especially if you have struggled with writing assignments in the past. You may also come to office hours for writing assistance.

**Exams**

There will be two exams. Each exam will cover all readings (including online), lectures, and discussions leading up to the exam. One week before each exam, I will post a study guide on CourseDen that will give you more information about the material covered on the tests. Make-up exams will only be given for documented (doctor’s note, court papers, funeral notice, etc.), excused absences. Make-up exams will not be the same exam that the other students took. Exams are on CourseDen. Do not show up to the classroom on these days.

**Overview of Grade**

Students’ final grades will be determined as follows:

- Documents Quiz 10%
- Exams 30% - (2 at 15% each)
- Interview Based Essay - 25%
- Class participation 25% - (attendance, quizzes, daily discussion, book discussions, and activities)
- Book Summaries 10% - (2 at 5% each)

**Standards for Evaluation**

A: 90-100%
B: 80-89%
C: 70-79%
D: 60-69%
F: 0-59%

Grades are based on student performance. *Simply turning in all the assignments does not guarantee that the student will receive a "good grade." To receive a higher grade, a student must demonstrate proficiency in the material. The standards for the respective grades are as follows:*

**A:** “A” students go above and beyond the minimum standards for class. They are well prepared, communicate effectively, analyze and explain complex ideas, complete all work on time, and participate regularly. To achieve this grade the student must display superior performance in his/her course work.

**B:** A “B” student does above average work and exceeds the minimum requirements of the class. They still demonstrate the ability to process and comprehend complex ideas, while being able to convey those ideas in a clear, intelligent manner. He/she will demonstrate above average communication skills and ability to contextualize material.

**C:** “C” students meet the minimum requirements for the course. They do not exceed expectations. They perform adequately in their course work. A "C" student demonstrates competence in terms of preparation and presentation of assigned work. He/she will demonstrate adequate communication skills and ability to contextualize materials.

**D:** A "D" student performs below average. These students do not meet the minimum standards of the class. They may not have prepared for class, not participated in all discussions, turned in late or
incomplete assignments, and have trouble comprehending and discussing complex ideas.

F: Receiving an F is a result of not completing or turning in assignments, not participating in class, not attending class, and/or not comprehending/analyzing the material presented in class.

**Academic Honesty**

**Any form of academic dishonesty (including but not limited to cheating and plagiarism) will result in a failing course grade as well as possible additional action. Definitions of academic dishonesty and plagiarism are defined in the student handbook, so please be familiar with them.**

The history department’s policy on cheating/plagiarism can be found at: https://www.westga.edu/academics/coah/history/plagiarism-statement.php

**Rights and Responsibilities**

Please carefully review the following information at this link:

http://www.westga.edu/assetsDept/vpaa/Common_Language_for_Course_Syllabi.pdf

It contains important material pertaining to your rights and responsibilities in this class. Because these statements are updated as federal, state, university, and accreditation standards change, you should review the information each semester.

**Attendance, Participation, and Late Policy**

Attendance and participation are required. I will be taking attendance each class. Failure to attend class will result in a deduction of your participation grade. If you are not there, you cannot participate. **If you miss class, get updates and notes from a classmate. Do not ask me if you missed something important. I will not give out my notes.** Do not show up habitually late for class unless previously cleared with the instructor. Coming in late distracts the instructor and the class. You are also expected to remain in class for the duration. If you must leave early, notify the instructor ahead of time, and sit near the door.

You will be expected to participate in ongoing discussions of the lesson topics and to interact with other students and your instructor regularly. It is expected that you will demonstrate a positive attitude and courtesy toward other participants in the discussion and observe good discussion etiquette. Disrespect will not be tolerated!

**Late submissions will NOT be accepted without a valid reason (that I determine) and proper documentation. For an absence to be excused, it must be documented (court papers, funeral notice, doctor’s note, etc.). Illness without a doctor’s note is not an excused absence.**

**Time Commitment**

In addition to class time, you should be prepared to spend time studying and working with course materials several hours per week outside of class. It will be helpful to set aside regular study time when you can work uninterrupted. This time could be spent in composing messages to post online, writing papers, reading, studying, reflecting, and planning.

**Technical Requirements and Assistance**

Having a correctly configured computer will help ensure your success in a course that requires online use. Be sure that your computer meets all the necessary technical requirements for hardware and software. For technical assistance and basic online information, check out the UWG Online Learning website at UWG Online Student Help.

**Disabilities Act / Accessibility for the course**

If you are a student whom is disabled as defined under the Americans with Disabilities Act and requires
assistance or support services, please notify me and provide me with a copy of your packet from Student Services. The university will provide you with resources for any audio/visual needs that you may have with the learning management system or course content.

***Please consult the following links for more details regarding accessibility for this course, including contact information for those with accessibility needs: UWG Accessibility Services.

**Cell Phones and Laptops**

Turn them off! If you do not want to pay attention, that is your choice. However, you will not distract other students or the instructor with your phone or laptop use. If you need your cell phone on for emergency purposes, please set the ring to vibrate only, and notify me ahead of time. If I hear a phone ring, you will be asked to leave the class, and do not text or check voicemail. Anyone texting in class will be asked to leave immediately. If you do it again, after already being caught once, you will be asked to leave the course and never come back. Laptops may ONLY be used to take notes!!! Anyone caught surfing the web will be unable to use the laptop for the rest of the semester. Exceptions will only be made for students with documented accommodations.

**Tobacco, Food, and Drink**

Tobacco products of any kind, as well as fake cigarettes and vapes (electronic or otherwise) are not allowed in this class. If you have a dip cup, an electronic cigarette, or any other tobacco products/paraphernalia, you will be asked to leave. Food and drink are fine, as long as it does not emit an odor that distracts the class. Also, clean up your mess after you leave. If you do not, food and drink privileges will be revoked. No drugs or alcohol are permitted in this classroom!

**Miscellaneous**

Review this syllabus throughout the semester. Do not ask me what the reading is, when an assignment is due, what the instructions are, etc., unless you have checked the syllabus and are unable to find the answer.

Put your name, the date, our course number (including section number), and my name on everything you turn in. Do not put your 917# on assignments or in emails. All assignments must be typed, in Times New Roman 12-pt font, double-spaced, with one-inch margins, one-sided pages and page numbers, unless otherwise advised. Always check for typos. **PROOFREAD!!!!** The minimum page length means that you must do the full length of the page numbers stated! **Word** documents are the only type of files you may submit. **DO NOT** submit PDFs, Pages docs, Google docs, Notepad, or any other type of document. All emails to me must be in proper form, meaning you must address me formally, sign with your class number and full name, and you should not use informal text-messaging grammar such as “ur” “omg” “im” etc. **Send emails through CourseDen.** Follow the example below.

Professor/Instructor/Mrs. Griffin,

I would like to schedule an appointment to come speak with you about the instructions for the book review. Unfortunately, I cannot make it to office hours due to other commitments. These are the times I am available: Monday at 10 am, Tuesday at 2 PM, and Thursday at 2 PM. Do any of these times work for you?

Thank you,
Your name
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Course Schedule

*This syllabus is subject to change (especially the schedule). It will serve as a general guide to the semester, but adjustments/changes may become necessary. I reserve the right to make those changes. All changes will be announced. Be sure to keep up with announcements and adjustments throughout the semester. Check CourseDen daily for announcements. If you miss class, get updates and notes from a classmate.

Please complete assigned readings before class.
Discussion is based on the readings, PowerPoints, and class lecture. As such, it is necessary for you to be familiar with the material before you enter the class.

Week 1
1/9 Introduction to American history

1/11 Reconstruction
“Mississippi Black Codes” (1865): http://chnm.gmu.edu/courses/122/recon/code.html
“Organization and Principles of the Ku Klux Klan” (1868): https://www.albany.edu/history/history316/kkk.htm
Secondary Source: PowerPoint on CourseDen

Week 2
1/16 The New South
“The Atlanta Compromise” (1895): http://historymatters.gmu.edu/d/39/
“Negro Exodus From the Southern State”s (1880): http://www.digitalhistory.uh.edu/disp_textbook.cfm?smtID=3&psid=4022
Secondary Source: PowerPoint on CourseDen

1/18 The West Documents Quiz due on CourseDen by 11:59 PM
Primary sources: “The Life of an Illinois Farmer’s Wife” (1905): https://books.google.com/books?id=RSWAUvRXge8C&pg=PA126&lpg=PA126&dq=The+Life+of+an+Illinois+Farmer%27s+Wife+1905&source=bl&ots=I3kZAL5xiL&sig=-fbfWf4TJMxUq_xH817c-iVVs&hl=en&sa=X&ved=0ahUKEwiUvLeLsMLYAhUB0YMKHUadDuMQ6AEIjAA#v=onepage&q=The%20Life%20of%20an%20Illinois%20Farmer%27s%20Wife%201905&f=false
Read pages 126-130
“An Indian’s Perspective” (1879) - http://www.wwnorton.com/college/history/archive/resources/documents/ch19_06.htm
From A Centruy of Dishonor (1881): http://www.digitalhistory.uh.edu/disp_textbook.cfm?smtid=3&psid=715
Secondary Sources: PowerPoint on CourseDen

Week 3

1/23 The New South
Primary source: “The Flaws of the New South” (1888):
http://www.columbia.edu/itc/history/foner/civil_war/linked_documents/flaws.html
“The Atlanta Compromise” (1895): http://historymatters.gmu.edu/d/39/
Excerpt from W.E.B. DuBois’s The Souls of Black Folk:
http://www.pagebypagebooks.com/W_E_B_DuBois/The_Souls_of_Black_Folk/Of_Mr_Booker_T_Washington_and_Others_p1.html (Read pages 1-8 of this chapter).
“Negro Exodus From the Southern State”s (1880):
http://www.digitalhistory.uh.edu/disp_textbook.cfm?smtID=3&psid=4022
Secondary Source: PowerPoint on CourseDen

1/25 The West
Primary sources: “The Life of an Illinois Farmer’s Wife” (1905):
https://books.google.com/books?id=RSWAUyRXge8C&pg=PA126&lpg=PA126&dq=The%20Life%20of%20an%20Illinois%20Farmer%27s%20Wife%201905&source=bl&ots=I3kZAL5xiL&sig=-fbfyW4fTNMxUq_xH817c-ivVs&hl=en&sa=X&ved=0ahUKEwiUvLeLsMLYAhUB0YMKHUadDuMQ6AEIMjAA#v=onepage&q=The%20Life%20of%20an%20Illinois%20Farmer%27s%20Wife%201905&f=false
Read pages 126-130

“An Indian’s Perspective” (1879) -
http://www.wwnorton.com/college/history/archive/resources/documents/ch19_06.htm
From A Centruy of Dishonor (1881):
http://www.digitalhistory.uh.edu/disp_textbook.cfm?smtid=3&psid=715
Secondary Sources: PowerPoint on CourseDen

Week 4

1/30 Urban America, Gilded Age Capitalism, and Labor
Primary sources: Royal Melendy, “Saloon Culture”:
http://historymatters.gmu.edu/d/5765/
Adna Ferrin Weber, The Growth of Cities in the Nineteenth Century:
https://www.wwnorton.com/college/history/archive/reader/trial/directory/1890_1914/07_ch21_03.htm
“Populist Party Platform”:
http://historymatters.gmu.edu/d/5361/
Mary E. Lease, “The Money Question”:
http://www.historyisaweapon.com/defcon1/marylease.html
“The Republican Party Platform of 1896”:
Secondary Source: PowerPoint on CourseDen

2/1 Urban America, Gilded Age Capitalism, and Labor Continued

Week 5

2/6 Immigration
Robert Ingersoll, “Should the Chinese be Excluded?”:
http://www.digitalhistory.uh.edu/disp_textbook.cfm?smtID=3&psid=4049
2/8 The Spanish American War & Imperialism
Primary source: Website: Mark Twain on Imperialism:
http://www.fordham.edu/halsall/mod/kipling.asp
William McKinley, “Declaration of War”:
http://www.presidency.ucsb.edu/ws/?pid=103901?xid=PS_smithsonian
“Platform of the American Anti-Imperialist League”:
https://sourcebooks.fordham.edu/mod/1899antiimp.asp
Secondary Source: PowerPoint on CourseDen

Week 6
2/13 Progressivism Interview Based Essay Subject Due on CourseDen by 11:59 PM
http://books.google.com/books?id=MH9DAAAAIAAJ&printsec=frontcover&source=gbs_ge_summary_r&cad=0#v=onepage&q&f=false
Why Women Should Vote: http://womenshistory.about.com/od/suffrage/a/why_women_vote.htm
Kelly Miller, “The Risk of Woman Suffrage”:
http://scua.library.umass.edu/digital/dubois/VoteMiller.pdf
Secondary Source: PowerPoint on CourseDen

2/15 World War I
Primary sources: Website: George Norris, Against Entry into War:
http://stuff.mit.edu/afs/athena/course/21/21h.102/www/Norris,%20Against%20Entry%20Into%20the%20War.html
World War I, Combat in Colour http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uP_0DkpFOKs
Hiram Johnson, “Why Not a Dollar Draft?”:
https://books.google.com/books?id=wLFpAAAAIAAJ&pg=PA386&lpg=PA386&dq=why+not+a+dollar+draft+hiram+johnson&hl=en&sa=X&ved=0ahUKEwjV69TQmvLYAhWG14MKHRCQAtfI6AEMjAD#v=onepage&q=why%20not%20a%20dollar%20draft%20hiram%20johnson&f=false
Secondary Source: PowerPoint on CourseDen

Week 7
2/20 The 1920s
Primary sources: Websites: Archbishop Hayes’s Christmas Pastoral Letter:
http://www.cfnews.org/Hayes-Christmas.htm
William Allen White, “The Red Scare is Un-American”:
http://www.wwnorton.com/college/history/archive/resources/documents/ch26_03.htm
Margaret Sanger, “The Need for Birth Control”:
Secondary Source: PowerPoint on CourseDen

2/22 The Great Black Migration
Primary Source: Website: Marcus Garvey, “African Fundamentalism”
Secondary Source: PowerPoint on CourseDen

Week 8
2/27 Discussion of Flapper: A Madcap Story of Sex, Style, Celebrity, and the Women Who Made America Modern (CourseDen summary/questions email due by 11:59 pm on 2/26)

3/1 Exam 1 – Midterm – on CourseDen. Do not come to class on this day.

Week 9
3/6 The Great Depression & The New Deal
Primary source: Website: Library of Congress Great Depression Photo Collection
Letters to the Roosevelts during the Depression: http://history.msu.edu/hst203/files/2011/02/Letters-to-Roosevelts.pdf
Secondary Source: PowerPoint on CourseDen

3/8 World War II (Part I)
Primary source: Website: Franklin Roosevelt, Speech on Lend-Lease Act:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1pQCpD_Czvs
Powers of Persuasion: Propaganda Posters
http://www.archives.gov/exhibits/powers_of_persuasion/powers_of_persuasion_home.html Make sure to look at all the images
Secondary Source: PowerPoint on CourseDen

Week 10
3/13 World War II (Part II) Additional Sources List Due on CourseDen by 11:59 PM
Primary sources: Websites: American leaflets dropped on Japan:
https://www.atomicheritage.org/key-documents/warning-leaflets
Leo Szilard’s petition against the use of the atomic bomb:
http://www.dannen.com/decision/45-07-03.html
Secondary Source: PowerPoint on CourseDen

3/15 The Cold War and the Korean Conflict
Walter Lippmann, “A Critique of Containment”:
http://www.wwnorton.com/college/history/archive/resources/documents/ch31_03.htm
Secondary Source: PowerPoint on CourseDen

Week 11
3/19-3/23 Spring Break

Week 12
3/27 The 1950s
Primary sources: Brown v. Board of Education of Topeka:
“Southern Declaration on Integration”:
http://www.wwnorton.com/college/history/archive/resources/documents/ch33_03.htm
Dwight D. Eisenhower, “The Situation in Little Rock”:
http://www.blackpast.org/1957-dwight-eisenhower-address-little-rock
Secondary Source: PowerPoint on CourseDen

3/29 The Civil Rights Movement
Primary source: Website: Fannie Lou Hamer, Testimony before the Democratic National Convention:
http://www.americanrhetoric.com/speeches/fannielouhamercredentialscommittee.htm
Primary Source: Websites: Martin Luther King Jr., “The Power of Nonviolence”:
Malcolm X, “The Black Revolution Speech”:
http://www.malcolm-x.org/speeches/spc_06__63.htm
Secondary Source: PowerPoint on CourseDen

Week 13
4/3 The 1960s and Lyndon Johnson’s Great Society
Primary source: John F. Kennedy, “Inaugural Address”:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PEC1C4p0k3E
Lyndon Johnson, The War on Poverty
http://www.fordham.edu/halsall/mod/1964johnson-warpoverty.html
Secondary Source: PowerPoint on CourseDen

4/5 Discussion of God’s Long Summer: Stories of Faith and Civil Rights (CourseDen summary/questions email due by 11:59 pm on 4/4)

Week 14
4/10 Vietnam
Primary sources: Websites: Lyndon Johnson, “Why We Are in Vietnam”
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=k9KIyiZzp34
George Ball, “A Compromise Solution in South Vietnam”
Secondary Source: PowerPoint on CourseDen

4/12 Second-Wave Feminism
Primary Source: PDF on CourseDen James Feron, “Fashion, if not Tradition, Ready for Women Cadets at West Point”
Gloria Steinem, “All Our Problems Stem from the Same Sex Based Myths”:
http://historymatters.gmu.edu/d/7025
Phylis Schlafly, “What’s Wrong with “Equal Rights” for Women?”:
https://genius.com/Phyllis-schlafly-whats-wrong-with-equal-rights-for-women-annotated
Secondary Source: PowerPoint on CourseDen

Week 15
4/17 Rights Based Movements
Stokely Carmichael, “Black Power”:
http://www.blackpast.org/1966-stokely-carmichael-black-power-0
Harvey Milk, “The Hope Speech”:
http://www.danaroc.com/guests_harveymilk_122208.html
Rachel Carson, Excerpt from Silent Spring:
4/19 Crises of the 1970s
Secondary Source: PowerPoint on CourseDen

Week 16
4/24 Conservatism
Primary Source: Website Ronald Reagan, First Inaugural Address:
http://www.americanrhetoric.com/speeches/ronaldreagandfirstinaugural.html
Secondary Source: PowerPoint on CourseDen

4/26 The 1990s to Now
Primary Source: Website: Bill Clinton Saxophone 1992
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=X4DrHK4ErUI
Secondary Source: PowerPoint on CourseDen

Week 17
5/1 Exam 2 Final Exam- This is on CourseDen. Do not come to class this day.