History 1302: History of the United States Since 1865
Thinking Historically
SUMMER I, MTWRF -9:20-11:30 (LART 303)
CRN 34106

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Course Description and Objectives:

In this course, we will discuss the history of the United States from 1865 to present day. This course will encompass such themes and eras such as Reconstruction, The Gilded Age, U.S. imperialism, The Progressive Era, World War I, The Great Depression, World War II, U.S. civil rights, Vietnam, and more. Students will not only gain factual and technical historical knowledge, but will be expected to learn and use historical insight in order to employ a more critical eye toward contemporary historical narratives. Students will find and interpret various primary and secondary sources in order to gain a better understanding of the methodologies used by historians. As a result, students will be able to think historically in order to interpret causality and obtain a more broad-minded understanding of not only past, but current events. Students will also be expected to actively participate in group activities and discussions. We will also introduce and explore academic writing, as many assignments will adhere to an essay style format. Students will potentially use historical knowledge learned in this class in order to both contribute to current debates and make educated decisions in a meaningful way.

Required Readings and Materials:

The American Yawp – A free online textbook www.americanyawp.com
This course being only four weeks, it is imperative that you keep up with the weekly readings, as you will not be able to fall behind and effectively catch up due to our limited time frame.

You will need to download the REEF polling software, it is available for free. You will need to create a REEF Polling student account to vote in class using your laptop, smart phone, or tablet connected to the university’s Wi-Fi (UTEPSECURE) or to your mobile data plan. Class activities, including those we will use with REEF, will be worth 30% of your final grade.

Creating Your REEF Polling Account through Blackboard
Sign in to Blackboard and click my course. Search for the REEF Polling icon, this should be on the Home Page. Click this link to launch a special instance of REEF, then log in or create a new REEF account if you don’t already have one. You should use your university email address
(username@miners.utep.edu) when creating your account. If you need to change your email address or password, edit your REEF account profile. Signing into REEF through the link in Blackboard will automatically add you to my course. When asked to register a remote device, choose not at this time.

**Note:** You will not need to purchase a subscription to use REEF Polling this semester because it is provided to you for free.

### Coursework and Grading:

#### Grades:

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A=900-1000  B=800-899  C=700-799  D=600-699  F=below 599

**Class Activities:** This portion of your grade will comprise both the REEF software and end of class primary source workshops. During lecture, you will be expected to answer questions attached to the instructor’s PowerPoint with REEF. Towards the end of class, students will be expected to read a primary source and complete a group workshop based on that source.

**Essays:** Students will be required to write two brief 600 word essays and submit them through blackboard. Papers will be computer generated, double-spaced, with one-inch margins and 12 pt. font (Times New Roman), using Chicago Style citations. **Late papers will not be accepted.**

(Paper Grading Scale:  A=180-200  B=160-179  C=140-159  D=120-139  F=0-119)

**Exams:** Students will be required to take a midterm and a final exam. You will need a scantron and a bluebook for these exams. They will be based off the weekly readings, lectures, and class activities. **America:** The midterm will comprise 200 points, whereas the final will be worth 300.

(Midterm:  A=180-200  B=160-179  C=140-159  D=120-139  F=0-119)

(Final:  A=270-200  B=240-269  C=210-239  D=180-209  F=0-180)
**Attendance:**

Although attendance is not mandatory, it is critical that you attend class regularly because a very sizable portion of your grade consists of the class activities.

**Classroom Conduct:**

Students must conduct themselves in a manner appropriate to a university classroom. Any behavior that is distracting to other students or to the instructor is strictly out of order. This includes arriving late to class and leaving early except in the case of extreme emergencies. Disruptive students will be reported to Deans Office. Regents Rules and Regulations for classroom conduct are available for inspection electronically at [http://www.utsystem.edu/bor/rules.htm](http://www.utsystem.edu/bor/rules.htm)

**Academic Dishonesty and Plagiarism:**

According to sections 1.3.1 of the UT Regents’ Rules and Regulations, “It is the official policy of the University that all suspected cases or acts of alleged scholastic dishonesty must be referred to the Dean of Students for investigation and appropriate disposition. It is contrary to University policy for a faculty member to assign a disciplinary grade such as an “F” or a zero to an assignment, test, examination, or other course work as a sanction for admitted or suspected scholastic dishonesty…” In short, anyone caught cheating will be reported to the Office of Student Conduct and Conflict Resolution. For more on cheating see UT Regents’ Rules and Regulations section 1.3.1.1. Don’t plagiarize, be original and always cite your sources (paraphrases and direct quotes).

**Students with Disabilities:**

If you require accommodations or suspect that you have a disability please contact The Center for Accommodations and Support Services (CASS) at 747-5148 or at cass@utep.edu or visit Room 106 of the Union East Building. For more info visit [http://sa.utep.edu/cass/](http://sa.utep.edu/cass/)

**Class Calendar**

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Readings Due: The New Era
Lecture
Video: The Roaring 20’s: Crash Course US History 32
Primary Source Workshop:

Friday, June 23
MIDTERM EXAM

Week 3
Monday, June 26
Readings Due: The Great Depression
Lecture
Video: The New Deal Video Lecture
Primary Source Workshop:

Tuesday, June 27
Readings Due: World War II
Lecture
Video: World War II Part 1, World War II Part 2

Wednesday, June 28
Readings Due: The Cold War
Lecture
Video: History of the Cold War
Primary Source Workshop:

Thursday, June 29
Readings Due: The Affluent Society
Lecture
Video: The Century: America’s Time-1946-1952
Primary Source Workshop:

Friday, June 30
Video: “Schindler’s List”

Week 4
Monday, July 3
Readings Due: The Sixties
Lecture
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**Tuesday, July 4**  
INDEPENDENCE DAY, NO CLASS

**Wednesday, July 5**  
SECOND ESSAY DUE  
Readings Due: The Unraveling  
Lecture  
Video: Hearts and Minds

**Thursday, July 6**  
Readings Due: The Triumph of the Right  
Lecture  
Primary Source Workshop:

**Friday, July 7**  
Readings Due: The Recent Past  
Lecture  
Video: Terrorism, War, and Bush 43, Obamanation

**Week 5**

**Monday, July 10 FINAL EXAM**

**The instructor reserves the right to make changes to the syllabus at any time during the Semester.**