

**Glendale Community College
Spring 2009**

Course Title: United States History 1945 to the Present
Course Code: His 108 **Section:** 21423

Class Meetings:

Days: Mondays/Wednesdays/Fridays 12:00-12:50

Location: P7

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Course Description: Survey of American history from 1945 to the present. Focuses on the political, social, economic and cultural history of the United States from the end of World War II to the present time. Includes domestic developments and foreign policy.

Textbook: *The American Paradox: A History of the United States Since 1945* by Steven Gillon (Boston: Houghton Mifflin Company) 2007

Nickel and Dimed: On (Not) Getting by in America by Barbara Ehrenreich. (New York: Henry Holt and Company, LLC) 2001.

The Things They Carried by Tim O'Brien. (New York: Boardway Books) 1990.

Transferability: His 108 transfers to ASU as a Social and Behavioral Science (SB), Cultural Diversity (C) or Historical Awareness (H) credit.

MCCCD Course Competencies

1. Describe the global situation at the close of World War II as the Grand Alliance failed.
2. Describe the beginnings of the Cold War between East and West.
3. Explain the economic, social and political characteristics of post-war United States.
4. Identify and explain important global and political challenges in the 1950's and 1960's.
5. Define and compare social aspects of the quiescent 1950's and tumultuous 1960's.
6. Trace the evolution of the Civil Rights, Women's and Minority Rights Movements.
7. Explain foreign policy gains and domestic problems of the 1970's.
8. Describe political changes in the 1980's at home and abroad.
9. Explain the changing role of the United States in the world following the end of the Cold War.
10. Describe and explain the United States response in the 21st century to globalization and the rise of terrorism.

Course Outline

Unit I- Establishing the Post-War World 1941-1960

Chapters 1-6-*The American Paradox*, Handouts

Week One

Mon. Jan. 19 Martin Luther King Jr. Day-No Class
Wed. Jan. 21 Introductions
Discussion-problems with recent history
Fri. Jan. 23 Current Events
The World before the War
War-time diplomacy
1st Assignment

Week Two

Mon. Jan. 26 War-time diplomacy continued
Wed. Jan 28 The Cold War Begins
The Cold War continues
NATO/Korea/Berlin blockade
Fri. Jan 30 Current Events
Short Film-Cold War
Discussion: Did the US start the Cold War?
Discussion Groups

Week Three

Mon. Feb. 2 The Cold War/ Eisenhower
Wed. Feb. 4 The Cold War inside the US
Fri. Feb. 6 Current Events
Discussion: Did communism threaten internal security?
Discussion groups

Week Four

Mon. Feb. 9 1950's America
Wed. Feb. 11 1950's America
Fri. Feb. 13 Current Events
Quiz I
Discussion: Happy Days?
Discussion Groups

Week Five

Mon. Feb. 16 President's Day-No Class
Wed. Feb. 18 Presentations
Fri. Feb. 20 Presentations/Papers Due

Unit II- New Revolutions/Old War 1960-1974

Chapters: 7-10/ *The Things They Carried*

Week Six

Mon. Feb. 23 Test I
Wed. Feb. 25 The New Liberalism
Kennedy
Begin Reading *The Things They Carried*
Fri. Feb. 27 Current Events

Kennedy/Civil Rights
2nd Assignment

Week Seven

Mon. Mar. 2
Wed. Mar. 4
Fri. Mar. 6

Johnson/Society
The formation of the Counter Culture
Current Events
Discussion: Pro's and Con's of the Counter Culture
Discussion Groups

Week Eight

Mon. Mar. 9
Wed. Mar. 11
Fri. Mar. 13

Kennedy/Cold War
Johnson/Cold War
Current Events
Short Film #2
Discussion: War in Vietnam Inevitable?
Discussion Groups

Week Nine

Spring Break

Week Ten

Mon. Mar 23

Nixon
Discussion: *The Things They Carried*
Book Reports Due

Wed. Mar 25
Fri. Mar 27

Nixon
Quiz II
Current Events
Discussion: Will History forgive Nixon?
Book Report Due
Discussion Groups

Week Eleven

Mon. Mar. 30
Wed. Apr. 1
Fri. Apr. 3

Presentations
Presentations
Test II/Papers Due

Unit III- "Two Americas" 1974-Present

Chapters 11-17 and Epilogue

Handouts

Nickel and Dimed

Week Twelve

Mon. Apr. 6
Wed. Apr. 8

Fri. Apr. 10

Society in the 1970's
"Crisis in Confidence"
Short film #3
Current Events
Music of the 1970's
Discussion: Women's Liberation, Good or bad?
3rd Assignment

Week Thirteen

Mon. Apr. 13
Wed. Apr. 15

The Reagan/Bush Era
The Reagan/Bush Era

Fri. Apr. 17 Fall of the Soviet Union
The new threat
Current Events
Short Film #4
Discussion: Did President Reagan win the Cold War?
Discussion Groups

Week Fourteen

Mon. Apr. 20 Family Values and the new religious right
Wed. Apr. 22 Two Societies: Poverty and Affluence
Fri. Apr. 24 Current Events
Discussion: Decade of Affluence?
Nickel and Dimed Book Report Due
Discussion Groups

Week Fifteen

Mon. Apr. 27 Shift to Center-the Clinton Presidency
Peace and Prosperity? Culture Wars
Wed. Apr. 29 Assessing the Bush II Administration
Fri. May 1 Quiz III
Current Events
Discussion: Bush II-the Worst President?
Discussion Groups

Week Sixteen

Mon. May 4 Presentation/Debate
Wed. May 6 Presentation/Debate
Fri. May 8 Test III/Papers Due

Week Seventeen

Final Exam: Monday, May 11 @ 12:00pm

Attendance Policy

Class attendance is required. If you are going to absent, please call me and I will excuse your absence. Excessive absences will lower your grade. If you are late to class please check with me before the end of class so I can mark you present.

Tests, reports, papers, presentations, discussions

This class will have 3 tests, 3 quizzes and a final exam. The tests will consist of a variety of questions but will consist mostly of identifications and essays. The quizzes are strictly memorization. There will be two short book reports, three papers and three presentations. We also have a series of class discussions each student will be responsible for participating in. The book readings and papers are to aid the student in understanding how events affect the world and real people. The paper topics are as follows:

1. World Institutions/Programs post-war
2. Vietnam and its' effects on society
3. Debate on current issues

The presentations are group efforts to present the material. There will be handouts on each paper/presentation describing the criteria. All due dates are on the course outline.

Late papers will be accepted within reason. Make-up tests will be available. Presentations cannot be made up.

Student Responsibility

Students are responsible for turning in assignments, tests, quizzes, class discussion, class attendance and group participation.

Grading

3 quizzes	= 75 points (25 points per quiz)
3 tests	= 300 points (100 points per test)
3 papers	= 300 points (100 points per paper)
3 presentations	= 150 points (50 points per presentation)
2 book reports	= 50 points (25 points per report)
Final Exam	= 100 points
Class participation	= 25 points

Total = 1000 points

Extra Credit-Newspaper Articles

Grading Scale

920-1000	= A
820-919	= B
720-819	= C
620-719	= D

Recording of Lectures

Recording of lectures in a class such as this is difficult and therefore will not be allowed.

Special Needs

For students having special needs, please notify the Disability Services and Resources office located in TDS 100. Their phone number is 623-845-3080. Please also notify me of any special needs you might have so I can accommodate them.

Cheating/Plagiarism

All discipline problems such as cheating and plagiarism will be dealt with according to the current Student Handbook.

Student Concerns

If a student has a problem with the instructor or course content, please follow the procedure outlined in the current Student Handbook.

Disclaimer Statement

Course content may vary from the outline to meet the needs of a particular group or class size.

Good Luck and Have Fun!