

HISTORY 152  
AMERICAN SOCIETY SINCE 1877  
TERM I, 1998-99  
DR. LANIER

Office hours: MW, 10:30 - 11:30; TTh, 1:30 - 2:30; Clough 315

The following books will be required in History 152:

- Paul S. Boyer et al, The Enduring Vision: A History of the American People.  
Concise Third Edition. Volume II from 1865. Text.  
Wheeler/Becker, eds., Discovering the American Past: A Look at the Evidence.  
Fourth Edition. Past.  
Bruce J. Schulman, Lyndon B. Johnson and American Liberalism (1995)  
Course Packet

History 152 has two major objectives:

- 1) To increase your knowledge and understanding of the American people by looking at some of their m
- 2) To introduce you to the problems that professional historians encounter when they construct the p

August

26 Introduction

28 The Organizational Revolution Text, Chapter 18.  
Edward Bellamy, from Looking Backward (1888)

31 Cities, Immigrants and Social Mobility Text, Chapter 19.  
Andrew Carnegie, "The Gospel of Wealth" (1889)

September

2 Discussion: Values of the Middle Class Past, Chapter 3.  
PAPER DUE: GROUP A Text, Chapter 20.

4 The Plains Indians Text, Chapter 17.  
Frederick Jackson Turner, "The Significance of the Frontier in American History" (1893)

7 Labor Day Recess

9      Origins of Segregation      Text, pp. 450-461.  
         C. Vann Woodward, from The Burden of Southern History (1960)

11     Discussion: African-American Strategies      Past, Chapter 2.  
         PAPER DUE: GROUP B

September

14     The Populist Movement      Text, pp. 461-467.  
         Lawrence Goodwyn, "Populism: Democratic Promise" (1978)

16     Origins of Colonialism      Text, pp. 467-474.  
         Walter LaFeber, from The New Empire (1963)

18     Discussion: Justifying American Imperialism      Past, Chapter 4.  
         PAPER DUE: GROUP C

21     GUEST LECTURE - THEDA PERDUE  
         "Cherokee Women: Re-Writing History"  
         Orgill Room, Clough Hall, 4:00 p.m.

23     Origins of Progressivism      Text, pp. 475-490.  
         Lincoln Steffens, from The Shame of the Cities (1904)  
         Jane Addams, from Twenty Years at Hull House (1910)

25     Origins of Feminism and Cultural Pluralism  
         Charlotte Gilman, "Are Women Human Beings?" (1912)  
         Randolph Bourne, "Trans-National America" (1916)

28     Progressive Politics      Text, pp. 490-501.  
         Theodore Roosevelt, "The New Nationalism" (1910)

30     FIRST HOUR EXAM

October

2      Wilsonian Diplomacy      Text, Chapter 23.

- 5 Discussion: Propaganda and War Past, Chapter 5.
- 7 Consumer Culture and Ethnic Tensions Text, Chapter 24.
- 9 No Class
- 12 Discussion: The “New Woman” of the 1920s Past, Chapter 6.
- 14 The New Era and The Great Depression Text, pp. 547-551.  
Bruce Barton, from The Man Nobody Knows (1925)
- 16 The New Deal Text, pp. 551-572.

October

- 19 Fall Recess
- 21 Discussion: Surviving the Depression Text, pp. 572-580; Past,  
Chapter 7.
- 23 Origins and Impact of World War II Text, pp. 580-604.
- 26 Victory and the Atomic Bomb Text, pp. 604-613.
- 28 Origins of the Cold War Text, Chapter 28.  
NSC-68
- 30 The Cold War at Home and Abroad Text, pp. 635-643.

November

- 2 Postwar Prosperity and Conformity Text, pp. 643-656; Past, Chapter 9.
- 4 SECOND HOUR EXAM

- 6 JFK & LBJ Schulman, pp. 1-65.
- 9 Origins of the Civil Rights Movement Text, Chapter 30.  
Martin Luther King, Jr., "Letter from the Birmingham Jail" (1963)
- 11 Video: Eyes on the Prize
- 13 Visit the National Civil Rights Museum
- 16 LBJ and the Great Society Schulman, pp. 66-124, 177-185.
- 18 The New Left and the Counterculture Text, pp. 679-694.  
Port Huron Statement
- 20 Video: America in Vietnam
- 23 Origins of the Vietnam War Schulman, pp. 125-165.

#### THANKSGIVING RECESS

#### November

- 30 Richard Nixon and Watergate Text, pp. 694-702.

#### December

- 2 Discussion: The Impact of Vietnam? Past, Chapter 10.  
SECOND PAPER DUE
- 4 Economic Transformations of the Seventies Text, Chapter 32.
- 7 The Women's Movement Past, pp. 300-309.

Betty Friedan, from The Feminine Mystique

9 The Conservative Resurgence

Text, Chapter 33.

FINAL EXAM: SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12, 1:00 P.M.

Two short papers (3 pages each), based on assignments in Discovering the American Past, will be required. Each will count 10% of the course grade for a total of 20%. Another 10% of your grade will be based on regular attendance, comments on the assigned articles, and participation in discussions. Careful preparation for all of the discussion sessions is essential.

Each of the hour exams will count for 20% of the course grade. The final will be cumulative, covering all of the material assigned, and will count for 30% of the course grade.