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History 351: American History since 1865

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Instruction:

This course traces the development of contemporary America from the period of Reconstruction after the Civil War to the present. Through lectures and class debates from prepared readings, students will examine and evaluate the American historical experience of western settlement, economic expansion and social crisis, racial conflict, imperial expansion, war, social protest and world power status. During the course, students will write two term tests and one essay, as well as the final examination.

Texts:

Bailyn, and others. The Great Republic: A History of the American People, Third Edition. Volume II. D.C. Heath, 1985.

Grob, G.N. and Billias, G.A. Interpretations of American History, Fifth Edition. Volume II: 1877 to the Present. Free Press-Collier Macmillan, 1987.

Outline:

Week One : Reconstruction

Wed. - The Plan and the Reality

Fri. - Reconstruction Legacy

READ: Grob and Billias, Vol. 1, Chapter 11

Week Two : The West and South

Mon. - The War Against the Indians

Wed. - Farm Protest

Fri. - The South

Week Three: Wealth and Power

Mon. - Industrialization

Wed. - Labour Response

Fri. - Immigration

Week Four : Reform

Mon. - Urban Politics

Wed. - The Place of Women  
 Fri. - Progressivism

Week Five : Dreams and Fears  
 Mon. - Populism  
 Wed. - Racial Crisis  
 Fri. - The New Presidency

Week Six : War and Isolation  
 Mon. - Imperialism  
 Wed. - Over There  
 Fri. - The Roaring Twenties

Week Seven:  
 Mon. - Test 1  
 Wed. - Depression and New Deal  
 Fri. - Approach to War

Week Eight - Winter Break

Week Nine:  
 Mon. - Roosevelt's War  
 Wed. - Truman's War  
 Fri. - McCarthyism

Week Ten  
 Mon. - Eisenhower and Orthodoxy  
 Wed. - The Right Stuff  
 Fri. - The Kennedy Legacy

Week Eleven  
 Mon. - Test 2  
 Wed. - Civil Rights  
 Fri. - Feminism and Youth

Week Twelve  
 Mon. - Vietnam: Policy  
 Wed. - Vietnam: Domestic Protest  
 Fri. - Vietnam: Overseas and Coming Home

Week Thirteen:  
 Mon. - Crisis in the Presidency  
 Wed. - Retreat From Empire  
 Fri. - Diminishing Resources

Week Fourteen  
 Mon. - Right Turn  
 Wed. - Imperial Reprise  
 Fri. - Redeemer Nation

Final Exam

Marking Scheme

First test	15
Second test	20
Essay	25
Attendance and Participation	10
Final Examination	30
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