

American History; use the following additional documents for your essay: "Magic Diplomatic Summaries," available online through main library reserve (password: tuckermans)--due before class on Feb. 26;

Option #3 Do exercise 6 in chapter 8 of Reading and Writing American History; substitute one of the following pairs of movies for the ones offered in the exercise: Sabrina (movies of same name made in 1954 and 1995); The Shop Around the Corner (1940) and You've Got Mail (1998); or Shaft (movies of the same name made in 1971 and 2000)--due before class on March 31;

Option #4 Do the assignment on p. 161 of Reading and Writing American History (the instructor may modify this assignment by April 1) due before class on April 7.

Option #5 Make a proposal, no more than 10 double-spaced pages in length, for a revision of chapter 10 in Reading and Writing American History. The proposal must have the same theme, Is America in Decline?, and must, at least in part, make use of numbers. It also must be updated to take into account developments since 2002--due before class on April 23.

Students must take extensive notes in preparing these essays and must hand them in with their essays.

Late papers will not be accepted. Students not handing in 2 essay assignments by the beginning of class on April 23 will receive an F for 15% or 30% of their final grade.

Attendance:

Attendance in class is mandatory. Students missing more than 5 classes cannot receive credit for the course.

Makeup for/Optional Early Final Exam, or for Tests

Students may make up the final exam after the scheduled time on May 5 only if they have a legitimate excuse (oversleeping, or forgetting, or not knowing the time of the exam are not legitimate excuses!)

With few exceptions, a legitimate excuse is limited to the following categories: 1) death in the immediate family; 2) student illness (verified by a doctor's letter or dated prescription with the student's name on it); 3) participation in a university-sponsored activity (intercollegiate athletic event, required field trip, etc.). In each case, it is the student's responsibility to provide verification of the excuse acceptable to the instructor.

The same rules apply for the 2 tests.

Thurs., Feb. 19 Test #1

Tues., Feb. 24 Lecture-Discussion: The U.S. and the
Course of World War II
Reading: Unfinished Nation, chapt. 27 & pp.
720-26, 742-49

Thurs., Feb. 26 Lecture-Discussion: The U.S. and the
Impact of World War II
Reading: After the Fact, chapt. 12;
Reading and Writing, chapt. 6
Due Before Class: Essay from chapt. 6 in
Reading and Writing for
students choosing Option #2

Tues., March 3 Lecture-Discussion: The Early Cold War
Reading: Unfinished Nation, pp. 750-62, 767-
71, 805-10

Thurs., March 5 Lecture-Discussion: The Second Red Scare
Reading: Unfinished Nation, pp. 771-75

Tues., March 17 Lecture-Discussion: The Civil Rights
Movement
Reading: Unfinished Nation, pp. 763-65, 797-
803, 819-24, 848-51
Reading and Writing, chapt. 7

Thurs., March 19 Lecture-Discussion: The Decline of the
New Deal Coalition
Reading: Unfinished Nation, pp. 763-66, 803-
805, 813-19, 831-39, 890-95

Tues., March 24 Lecture-Discussion: Vietnam
Reading: Unfinished Nation, pp. 827-33, 860-66
After the Fact, chapt. 15

Thurs., March 26 Lecture-Discussion: Nixon, Carter, and the
Crisis of American
Politics
Reading: Unfinished Nation, pp. 866-75, 879-
90
After the Fact, chapt. 14

Tues., March 31 Lecture-Discussion: The Evolution of
American Culture
Reading: Reading and Writing, chapt. 8

Unfinished Nation, pp.844-48, 851-55, 884-88, 924-30, 934-41

Due Before Class: essay from Reading and Writing, chapt. 8 for students choosing Option #3

Thurs., April 2 Lecture-Discussion: The End of the Cold War
Reading: Unfinished Nation, pp. 895-904

Tues., April 7 Discussion: Historical Analogy
Reading: Reading and Writing, chapt. 9
Due Before Class: essay from Reading and Writing, chapt. 9 for students choosing Option #4

Thurs., April 9 Test #2

Tues., April 14 Lecture-Discussion: The Environment (1)
Reading: Unfinished Nation, pp. 855-59, 938-39

Thurs., April 16 Discussion: The Environment (2)
Reading: To be provided

Tues., April 21 Lecture: America in a Troubled World
Reading: Unfinished Nation, 908-24, 941-47

Thurs., April 23 Lecture-Discussion: America in Decline?
Reading: Reading and Writing, chapt. 10
Due before class: essay for students doing Option #5

Tues., April 28 Review and Evaluation

Final Exam: Tues., May 5, 3:30-6:30 P.M.

Makeup Final Exam: Sat., May 2, 9-12 A.M.