

**History of the United States, 1877-Present
5:30-7:00 p.m., Monday and Wednesday, AUD1-AH
Spring 2007 – Section 13657**

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Academic Accommodations

When possible and according to 504/ADA guidelines, we will attempt to provide reasonable academic accommodations to students who request and require them. Such students must first register with the Center for Students with DisABILITIES (CSD) and then present documentation to the professor regarding the requested accommodations in a timely fashion. Please call CSD at 713/743-5400 for more assistance.

Required Books

-James Kirby Martin, et al., *America and Its Peoples* - Volume II - from 1865

-Kathleen A. Brosnan, ed., Primary Document Reader

The textbook and reader are packaged together at the bookstore with the ISBN 0536347166.

Required Technology

Students are required to buy a clicker or to use a previously registered clicker. Clickers may be purchased for \$15 in PGH 116. The same clicker can be used in any other UH class that requires this technology. You must register the clicker, either for a semester for \$11 or the length of your UH career for \$35. See the attached sheet for instructions on registering yourself and the clicker for WebCT.

Grading

You should prepare for a quiz every Wednesday, except for March 7. The quizzes will cover the assigned readings for any given week and will include between 6 and 10 multiple choice questions, totaling 100 points. **YOU WILL NEED YOUR CLICKER TO TAKE THE QUIZZES.** If you miss a quiz due to an excused absence, you must make arrangements with Ms. DeMayo for a make-up quiz before 4 p.m. the following Monday.

The midterm exam and the final exam will each include two essays questions. You will be given four or five essays questions in advance; two will be selected on the day of the exam. You will not be allowed to use outlines or any or documents during the exams. We will provide the blue books for your exams. Only exams in blue or black ink will be graded; if your exam is not graded, you will receive 0 points. The midterm and final exams are worth 150 points each.

The midterm exam is on March 7. If you miss the midterm exam due to an excused absence, you must make arrangements with Ms. DeMayo for a make-up test by March 28. If you have a conflict with the date of the final exam, you must see Ms. DeMayo by May 1 to arrange for a make-up date in advance of the scheduled date.

Attendance is mandatory in this course, and requires your presence for the entire class period. **YOU WILL NEED YOUR CLICKER FOR EACH CLASS SESSION.** Beginning January 22, you will earn four points for each class session you attend. Except in the case of an emergency that involves hospitalization or a death in the family, do not explain to either Dr. Brosnan or Ms. DeMayo the reasons for absences from class. Please note that there is a cushion built into the system for two unexplained absences. However, if you miss a quiz for an unexcused absence, there will be no make-up quiz. Attendance is worth 100 points.

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| Midterm Exam, March 7 | 150 points |
| Final Exam, May 9 | 150 points |
| Twelve Wednesday Quizzes | 100 points |
| Mandatory Attendance, starting January 22 | 100 points |

A: 465-508 points
B+: 435-449 points
B-: 400-414 points
C: 365-385 points
D+: 335-349 points
D-: 305-319 points

A-: 450-464 points
B: 415-434 points
C+: 385-399 points
C-: 350-364 points
D: 320-334 points
F: 304 points or less

Computers

Students may use computers in the classroom to take notes. Computers may not be used for any other purpose in the classroom except taking notes. If Dr. Brosnan or Ms. DeMayo discover students using computers for any other purpose, computers will be banned from the classroom for all students thereafter.

Cell Phones

Please turn off your cell phones before class begins. You are not allowed to use your cell phone for any purpose during any class session; doing so is a distraction to you and to other students around you. If Dr. Brosnan or Ms. DeMayo observe a student using a cell phone, she will issue one warning. If it occurs a second time, the student will be asked to leave the course immediately and may receive a failing grade depending upon when the second incident occurs. If your cell phone goes off unexpectedly during class, please turn it off immediately.

Food and Drink

Out of courtesy to the other students in class with you and to other students who use the auditorium, please avoid eating in the classroom. Please be careful not to spill any beverages you bring to class. In any case, please be certain to clean up any and all litter you bring to the classroom. Thank you.

Cheating

WE WILL NOT TOLERATE ANY FORM OF CHEATING. EVIDENCE OF CHEATING WILL RESULT IN A FAILING GRADE FOR THE COURSE AND POSSIBLY RESULT IN OTHER DISCIPLINARY ACTION WITHIN THE COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY. ALL CHEATING WILL BE REPORTED TO THE DEAN'S OFFICE.

CHEATING INCLUDES, BUT IS NOT LIMITED TO, MISUSE OF THE CLICKERS IN ANY FORM, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, TAKING QUIZZES FOR STUDENTS WHO FAIL TO ATTEND CLASS. IN SUCH SITUATIONS, BOTH STUDENTS WOULD RECEIVE A FAILING GRADE AND POSSIBLY FACE OTHER DISCIPLINARY ACTION.

Pertinent information can be found on pp. 59-60 of the UH Academic Honesty Policy or at http://www.uh.edu/provost/stu/stu_syllabsuppl.html. Please review it.

Who Wants to be a Historian?

Between January 22 and April 25, students can use their CLICKERS to participate in the 2007 version of *Who Wants to be a Historian?* The winner will be announced during an awards ceremony on April 30.

Syllabus Revisions

Dr. Brosnan will make any necessary revisions to this syllabus as the demands of the semester dictate.

Schedule

1/17

Introduction

1/22

2. Myth and Reality in the West

- Martin (M): Chapter 16

- Reader (R): 1-25

- Post-Class Discussion of How to Read Your Textbook

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| | 1/24 | 3. The New South - Re-read M: Chapter 16 - R: 49-52 - Quiz #1 |
| | 1/29 | 4. Regional Economies -R: 45-48, 59-65 |
| | 1/31 | 5. Industrialization - M: Chapter 17 - R: 37-44 - Quiz #2 |
| Mon. | 2/5 | 6. Urbanization and Immigration - M: Chapter 18 |
| | 2/7 | 7. Politics and Government - M: Chapter 19 - R: 27-36 - Quiz #3 |
| Mon. | 2/12 | 8. A Big Stick - M: Chapter 20 - R: 53-56 |
| | 2/13 | Last day to drop course or withdraw without receiving a grade |
| Wed. | 2/14 | 9. Progressivism, Part I - M: Chapter 21 - R: 57-58 - Quiz #4 |
| Wed. | 2/14 | Q eligibility begins |
| Mon. | 2/19 | 10. Progressivism, Part II -R : 67-75 |
| Wed. | 2/21 | 11. World War I – Over There - M: Chapter 22 - Quiz #5 |
| Mon. | 2/26 | 12. World War I – Over Here |
| Wed. | 2/28 | 13. The Roaring Twenties - M: Chapter 23 - Quiz #6 |
| Mon. | 3/5 | 14. The Coming of the Depression - R: 77-86 |
| Mon. | 3/5 | Review session for Midterm Exam (7-8:30 p.m.) |
| Wed. | 3/7 | Midterm Exam |

SPRING BREAK

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| | 3/19 | 15. The New Deal - M: Chapter 24 |
| | 3/21 | 16. World War II – Over There - M: Chapter 25 - Quiz #7 |
| | 3/26 | 17. World War II – Over Here - R: 87, 161 |
| | 3/28 | 18. The Cold War Begins - M: Chapter 26 - R: 89-97, 111-114 - Quiz #8 |
| Mon. | 4/2 | 19. <i>The Atomic Café</i> - documentary |
| | 4/3 | Last day to drop a course or withdraw Q eligibility ends |
| | 4/4 | 20. Post-war America - M: Chapter 27 - R: 99-102, 115-119 - Quiz #9 |
| Mon. | 4/9 | 21. Civil Rights Movement, Part - M: Chapter 29 - R: 103-104 |
| Wed. | 4/11 | 22. Civil Rights Movement, Part II - R: 141-144, 137-140 - Quiz #10 |
| Mon. | 4/16 | 23. Vietnam - M: Chapter 28 - R: 119-136 |
| Wed. | 4/18 | 24. Questioning Authority - M: Chapter 30 - R: 105-109, 157-160 - Quiz #11 |
| Mon. | 4/13 | 25. Watergate and the 1980s - M: Chapter 31 - R: 141-156 |
| Wed. | 4/25 | 26. The Reagan and Clinton Years - M: Chapter 32 - Quiz #12 |
| Mon. | 4/30 | 27. A New Millennium |
| Mon. | 4/30 | Review Session for Final Exam (7-8:30 p.m.) |
| Wed. | 5/9 | 5:30-7:00 p.m. Final examination |

Registering Clickers to WebCT

- 1) Log onto WebCT Vista at www.uh.edu/webct and enter the History 1378 page
- 2) On the homepage, click on the “1378-Brosnan” icon
- 3) Follow the instructions
 - a. enter your clicker serial number (this is the first number that shows up when you turn your clicker on; it is a 7-digit combination of numbers and letters)
 - b. enter your enrollment code (this is purchased separately from your clicker and is listed on a card. The code is based on whether you bought a semester or a lifetime subscription)
 - c. accept the refund policy by clicking the box
 - d. enter your username and password
 - i. If you have used the clicker in a previous course, enter your username and password
 - ii. If you have not used the clicker before, create a username and password
 - e. click the “continue to register pad” button
- 4) Write down and remember your pad number. This will be important when you use your clicker during class.

Questions/Problems with Clickers?

If you have problems with your clickers, please visit www.eintruction.com for assistance.