

**43.112 U.S. HISTORY SINCE 1877**  
**Spring 2008**

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**Required Text:**

Boydston, **Making A Nation: The United States And Its People** (vol. 2)  
ISBN: 0-13-033996-2 Prentice Hall

**Course Description:**

This course examines American history from end of Reconstruction to the present. The topics to be covered include, but are not limited to, the following: Reconstruction, western settlement, industrialization, urbanization, Progressivism, American imperialism, World War I, the Great Depression, World War II, the Cold War, the Civil Rights Movement, Vietnam, Watergate, and current event issues.

**Course Requirements:**

The final grade for the course will be based on three grades; participation, which consists of a "History Journal"/reaction papers (one will be due every week) and periodic oral presentations and overall class participation, an interactive exercise/paper on the Philippines, and a 7 page paper due on April 23, subjects to be determined. If I feel that people are not coming prepared to class there will be quizzes.

**Schedule:**

Week 1 – January 28 – Introduction; Reconstruction and the Frontier.  
Primary source exercise (Slavery)

Week 2 – February 4 –Industrialization & Urban Life.  
Readings: Chpts:17-19  
Oral Reports: Capitalists  
Reaction Paper due

Week 3 – February 11 – Gilded Age Politics, Progressivism, Imperialism,  
Philippines exercise.  
Readings: Chpt: 20-21  
Primary source reading (Philippines)  
Reaction Paper due!

Week 4 – February 19 (Tues.) WWI; Aftermath of War.  
Readings: Chpt: 22  
Paper topics due!  
Reaction Paper due!

Week 5 – February 25 The Roaring Twenties; The Great Depression.  
Readings: Chpts: 23-24(only to page 690)  
Reaction Paper due!

Week 6 – March 3 – The New Deal; Fascism.

Readings: Chpts: 24

Oral Reports: New Deal

Reaction Paper due!

Week 7 – March 10 – WWII.

Readings: Chpts: 25

Oral Reports: Leaders

Reaction Paper due!

Paper outline/updates due!

March 17 -Spring Break!! NO CLASS!

March 24 – NO CLASS!

Week 8 – March 31 – Cold War.

Readings: Chpt: 26

Reaction Paper due!

Week 9 – April 7 – Consumerism

Readings: Chpt: 27

Reaction Paper due!

Week 10 – April 14 – Civil Rights; Kennedys.

Readings: Chpt: 28

Oral Reports: Civil Rights

Reaction Paper due!

Week 11 – April 28 – 60s; Vietnam.

Reaction Paper due!

Week 12 – May 5 – 70s; Energy Crisis; Native American movement; Watergate.

Readings: Chpt: 29

Final Paper due!

Week 13 – May 12 – New Conservatism, Current events, paper discussion

Readings: Chpt: 30-31

Reaction Paper due!