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WACO, TEXAS

COURSE SYLLABUS
AND
INSTRUCTOR PLAN

United States History II
HIST_1302 C04

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NOTE: This is a 16 week course.

COVID 19 Notice:

McLennan Community College is committed to providing you with every resource you need to reach your academic goals. We are also concerned for your safety. We are working through COVID-19 guidelines to make sure we offer a safe environment for you and our faculty. This will include smaller class sizes to manage social distancing and proper cleaning techniques. You will have the advantage of a physical classroom experience but may also need to work part of the time online as we adjust to limited classroom capacity. This will also allow us the flexibility to move online if so directed by federal, state and/or local COVID 19 guidelines. Faculty and staff are preparing now to ensure that you have the best experience in the midst of these uncertain times.

Official Course Description:

A survey of the social, political, economic, cultural, and intellectual history of the United States from the Civil War/Reconstruction era to the present. United States History II examines industrialization, immigration, world wars, the Great Depression, Cold War and post-Cold War eras. Themes that may be addressed in United States History II include: American culture, religion, civil and human rights, technological change, economic change, immigration and migration, urbanization and suburbanization, the expansion of the federal government, and the study of U.S. foreign policy.

Prerequisites and/or Corequisites:

Prerequisite: Must have passed the reading section of the TSI Assessment or have credit for INRW 0402. Semester Hours 3 (3 lec)

Course Notes and Instructor Recommendations:

For best results, read and follow all instructions and ask for help when needed. Good luck!

Instructor Information:

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Required Text & Materials:

Scantron 882-E is required for all exams

Give Me Liberty

Brief (MCC Custom) 4th Edition
Author: Eric Foner
ISBN: 9780393605143
Copyright Year: 2014
Publisher: W. W. Norton & Company, Incorporated

The Jungle

Author: Upton Sinclair
ISBN: 978-1503331860
Copyright Year: 2019
Publisher: CreateSpace Independent Publishing Platform

Warriors Don't Cry

Edition: (Trade Ed)
Author: Melba Patillo Beals
ISBN: 9780671866396
Copyright Year: 1994
Publisher: Pocket

MCC Bookstore Website: <http://www.mclennan.edu/bookstore/>

Student Support/Resources:

MCC provides a variety of services to support student success in the classroom and in your academic pursuits to include counseling, tutors, technology help desk, advising, financial aid, etc. A listing of these and the many other services available to our students is available at <http://www.mclennan.edu/campus-resource-guide/>

College personnel recognize that food, housing, and transportation are essential for student success. If you are having trouble securing these resources, we encourage you to contact a success coach by calling (254) 299-8226. Students can visit the Completion Center Monday-Friday from 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. to meet with a success coach and receive additional resources and support to help reach academic and personal goals. Paulanne's Pantry (MCC's food pantry) is open 12:00 p.m.-1:00 p.m., Monday-Friday, without an appointment. The Completion Center and pantry are located on the Second Floor of the Student Services Center (SSC).

MCC Foundation Emergency Grant Fund

Unanticipated expenses, such as car repairs, medical bills, housing, or job loss can affect us all. Should an unexpected expense arise, the MCC Foundation has an emergency grant fund that may be able to assist you. Please go to <https://www.mclennan.edu/foundation/scholarships-and-resources/emergencygrant.html> to find out more about the emergency grant. The application can be found here (https://www.mclennan.edu/foundation/docs/Emergency_Grant_Application.pdf).

Minimum Technical Skills:

Students should have basic computer skills, knowledge of word processing software, and a basic understanding of how to use search engines and common web browsers.

Backup Plan for Technology:

In the event MCC's technology systems are down, you will be contacted/notified through your MCC student email address. Please note that all assignments and activities will be due on the date specified in the Instructor Plan, unless otherwise noted by the instructor.

* [Click Here for the Minimum System Requirements to Utilize MCC's D2L|Brightspace](https://www.mclennan.edu/center-for-teaching-and-learning/Faculty%20and%20Staff%20Commons/requirements.html)
(<https://www.mclennan.edu/center-for-teaching-and-learning/Faculty%20and%20Staff%20Commons/requirements.html>)
Click on the link above for information on the minimum system requirements needed to reliably

access your courses in MCC's D2L|Brightspace learning management system.

Email Policy:

McLennan Community College would like to remind you of the policy (<http://www.mclennan.edu/employees/policy-manual/docs/E-XXXI-B.pdf>) regarding college email. All students, faculty, and staff are encouraged to use their McLennan email addresses when conducting college business.

A student's McLennan email address is the preferred email address that college employees should use for official college information or business. Students are expected to read and, if needed, respond in a timely manner to college emails.

Instructional Uses of Email:

Faculty members can determine classroom use of email or electronic communications. Faculty should expect and encourage students to check the college email on a regular basis. Faculty should inform students in the course syllabus if another communication method is to be used and of any special or unusual expectations for electronic communications.

If a faculty member prefers not to communicate by email with her/his students, it should be reflected in the course syllabus and information should be provided for the preferred form of communication.

Email on Mobile Devices:

The College recommends that you set up your mobile device to receive McLennan emails.

Forwarding Emails:

You may forward the emails that come to your McLennan address to alternate email addresses; however, the College will not be held responsible for emails forwarded to an alternate address that may become lost or placed in junk or spam filters.

Methods of Teaching and Learning:

A variety of methods will be used in teaching United States History II, including the use of lecture, discussion, written assignments and various projects. Student assessment will include objective exams, readings of primary and secondary sources, discussions, subjective and objective essays, projects and portfolios. These measures will assess critical thinking, communication, social responsibility and personal responsibility. A departmental rubric may be used to assess different aspects of the course objectives (see below).

Communication: Measures such as objective tests, written assignments, discussions, portfolios and presentations may be used to measure the student's ability to communicate.

Social Responsibility: Because the teaching of history involves evoking examples of successes and failures in social responsibility, and the continual importance of this issue politically and personally today, social responsibility naturally is emphasized. Assessment measures may include readings, primary document exams, discussions, projects and essays.

Personal Responsibility: Because the teaching of history also involves evoking examples of successes and failures in personal responsibility, and the consequences that personal choices can have, personal responsibility is also naturally emphasized. Assessment measures may include participation, readings, primary document exams, discussions, projects and essays.

Course Objectives and/or Competencies:

Upon successful completion of this course, students will:

Create an argument through the use of historical evidence.

Analyze and interpret primary and secondary sources.

Analyze the effects of historical, social, political, economic, cultural, and global forces on this period of United States history.

Unofficial Goals of this Course:

Students should acquire a working knowledge of the American narrative from the Civil War and Reconstruction Era to the present, understand how history complements citizenship, and develop critical thinking skills through reading, discussing, and thinking about history.

1. Primary Objective: offer a coherent and compelling American narrative from Reconstruction to the present; that is, a basic outline or framework of the essential facts, people, places, and ideas relevant to this time period and place.

Students will be able to:

- Identify essential historical actors
- Describe the evolution of American political culture over time
- Describe the basic elements of American constitutional Development, justice, and democracy
- Identify significant movements that contributed to change over time

2. Offer context and background for the narrative; introduce appropriate and relevant methodologies and perspectives that color the telling of the story (as well as individual reception and perception of the story). Convey how the telling and the interpretation of the story affects the story itself and changes over time.

Students will be able to:

- Compare and contrast competing interpretations and points of view basic to the understanding of the narrative.

- Compare and contrast the American narrative(s) within the context of competing narratives
- Identify various and appropriate methodologies and theories of history
- Identify basic and significant ideologies that contributed to the culture

3. Facilitate an environment in which we provide appropriate tools for critical analysis of historical facts, offer concepts as well as facts, and encourage students to draw their own conclusions based on evidence and logic.

Students will be able to: Identify primary and secondary sources

- Identify multiple motivations within various actors
- Describe multiple causes for various events
- Compare and contrast various perspective

4. Promote citizenship in the sense that informed participation is necessary/essential/indispensable/critical/vital to self-government; offer students tools to participate effectively in our political system as well as succeeding and contributing in greater society.

Students will be able to:

- Identify basic elements of our Constitutional/governmental structure
- Describe the evolution of various and ideas and movements within our system
- Identify the intentions and expectations of various players that contributed to change over time
- Define the basic elements of American citizenship over time

5. Require college-level reading and comprehension.

Students will be able to identify, describe, and define basic ideas contained within assigned readings

6. Convey the ethnic, cultural, and intellectual diversity of the American story overtime.

Students will be able to:

- Identify various movements and leaders who expanded the meaning of freedom and citizenship
- Compare and contrast the experience of various groups within society
- Describe the evolution of American citizenship and community
- Define diversity and inclusivity
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Course: Outline or Schedule:

Week 1	Reconstruction Course themes, expectations, format, Introductions	Eric Foner, Give Me Liberty! Chapter 15
Week 3 & 4	Imperialism, Progressivism, more Imperialism, and World War QUIZ: <i>The Jungle</i>	Foner, Chapters 17 & 18; pp. 574-580
Week 5	Teddy Roosevelt EXAM ONE	
Week 6	Post-War Culture, 1920s	Foner, pp. 584-606;
Weeks 7, 8. & 9	Boom & Bust: Prosperity, the Great Depression, and a New Deal EXAM TWO	Foner, Chapters 20 & 21
Weeks 10 & 11	World War II Four Freedoms Speech	Foner, Chapter 22 FFS on Brightspace (and/or A97-A105)
Weeks 12 & 13	Cold War, Quiz: JFK Inaugural Post-War Culture	Foner, Chapter 23 JFK on Bs (and A114-A117) Foner, pp. 736-745
Weeks 14 & 15	Civil Rights Quiz: <i>Warriors Don't Cry</i> Quiz: Letter from a Birmingham Jail	Foner, pp. 754-764; 769-773; 775-785; MLK available on Bb (and A118-A132)

FINAL EXAM: Monday, Dec. 7 (8:00-10:00 AM)

Course Grading Information:

Requirements: class participation (making a positive impact on the class, which includes **attendance, discussion, and quizzes**) 25%, two midterm examinations 25% each, and a final examination 25%

Late Work, Attendance, and Make Up Work Policies:

Exam dates are not negotiable. Exceptions are for extraordinary circumstances and are granted on a case-by-case basis. Please consult me personally, and as soon as possible, when an emergency arises.

Student Behavioral Expectations or Conduct Policy:

Courtesy and consideration for classmates and the instructor is mandatory. Students must come to class on time. They should actively listen. Chatting with other students during class time is unacceptable behavior. Other examples of unacceptable behavior include cell phone use in class, sleeping in class, or “packing up” materials before class is dismissed.

Academic Integrity Statement (in a nutshell):

Cheating in any form is unacceptable. The consequences of cheating are severe. See below for official comprehensive policy.

* [*Click Here for the MCC Academic Integrity Statement*](#)

(www.mclennan.edu/academic-integrity)

The link above will provide you with information about academic integrity, dishonesty, and cheating.

* [*Click Here for the MCC Attendance/Absences Policy*](#)

(<https://www.mclennan.edu/highlander-guide/policies.html>)

Click on the link above for the college policies on attendance and absences. Your instructor may have guidelines specific to this course.

Accommodations/ADA Statement

Any student who is a qualified individual with a disability may request reasonable accommodations to assist with providing equal access to educational opportunities. Students should contact the Accommodations Coordinator as soon as possible to provide documentation and make necessary arrangements. Once that process is completed, appropriate verification will be provided to the student and instructor. Please note that instructors are not required to provide classroom accommodations to students until appropriate verification has been provided by the Accommodations Coordinator. Instructors should not provide accommodations unless approved by the Accommodations Coordinator. For additional information, please visit mclennan.edu/disability.

Students with questions or who require assistance with disabilities involving physical, classroom, or testing accommodations should contact:

disabilities@mclennan.edu

254-299-8122

Room 319, Student Services Center

* [*Click Here for more information about Title IX*](#)

(www.mclennan.edu/titleix)

We care about your safety, and value an environment where students and instructors can successfully teach and learn together. If you or someone you know experiences unwelcomed behavior, we are here to help. Individuals who would like to report an incident of sexual misconduct are encouraged to immediately contact the Title IX Coordinator at

titleix@mcclennan.edu or by calling Dr. Drew Canham (Vice President for Student Success) at 299-8645. Individuals also may contact the MCC Police Department at 299-8911 or the MCC Student Counseling Center at MCC by calling 299-8210. The MCC Student Counseling Center is a confidential resource for students. Any student or employee may report sexual harassment anonymously by visiting the following website: <http://www.lighthouse-services.com/mcclennan/>.

McLennan's Title IX webpage (<http://www.mcclennan.edu/titleix/>) contains more information about definitions, reporting, confidentiality, resources, and what to do if you or someone you know is a victim of sexual misconduct, gender-based violence or the crimes of rape, acquaintance rape, sexual assault, sexual harassment, stalking, dating violence or domestic violence.

** You will need to access each link separately through your Web browser (for example: Internet Explorer, Mozilla, Chrome, or Safari) to print each link's information.*