

**Common Course  
Syllabus History  
1302**

Department of History

**Department:** Social Sciences

**Discipline:** History

**Course Number:** HISTORY

**1302 Course Title:** United States

**History II Credit:** 3 Lecture, 0

Lab

**Foundational Component Area of Core Curriculum:** American History

**Prerequisites:** TSI compliance in Reading

**Available Formats:** Conventional, INET,

ITV **Campus:** Levelland, Reese, ATC,

Plainview **Textbook:** Varies according to instructor.

**Course Specific Instructions:** Each instructor will attach his/her course with specific instructions.

**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.

**Course Objectives:**

1. **critical thinking:** demonstrate creative thinking, innovation, inquiry, and analysis, evaluation, and synthesis of information.
2. **communication:** demonstrate effective development, interpretation and expression of ideas through written, oral and visual communication.
3. **social responsibility:** demonstrate intercultural competence, knowledge of civic responsibility, and the ability to engage effectively in regional, national, and global communities.
4. **personal responsibility:** demonstrate the ability to connect choices, actions, and consequences to ethical decision-making.

**Course Purpose:** To acquaint students with the diversity of American history and to promote critical thinking in interrelating the past to the present. Fundamentally, the course promotes general understanding of a body of knowledge any student should know.

**Course Requirements:** To maximize a student's potential to complete this course, they should attend all class meetings, complete all homework assignments and examinations in a timely manner, and complete all other projects or papers as assigned in the instructor's specific

instructions.

**Course Evaluation:** See the instructor's course information sheet for specific items used in evaluating student performance.

**Attendance Policy:** Whenever absences become excessive and in the instructor's opinion, minimum course objectives cannot be met due to absences, the student will be withdrawn from the course. Each instructor will have additional information about attendance on his/her course information sheet.

**Learning Outcomes:** Upon successful completion of this course, students should demonstrate familiarity with the evolution of the nation and its role in the world from the mid-nineteenth century to the early twenty-first century. This would include the following themes:

- American culture
- religion
- civil and human rights
- technological change
- economic change
- immigration and migration
- urbanization and suburbanization
- the expansion of the federal government
- the study of U.S. foreign policy

**Learning Outcomes:** 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.

**SPC Standard Disability Statement** - Any students who, because of a disability, may require special arrangements in order to meet the course requirements should contact the instructor as soon as possible to make and necessary arrangements. Students must present appropriate verification from the SPC Disability Service Office during the instructor's office hours. Please note that instructors are not allowed to provide classroom accommodations until appropriate verification from the SPC Disability Service Office has been provided. For more information, you may contact the Disability Services Office (located in the Health & Wellness Center) at 806-716-2529 or visit <http://www.southplainscollege.edu/health/disabilityservices.php>.

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**SPC Tutors:** Tutoring is FREE for all currently enrolled students. Make an appointment or drop-in for help at any SPC location or online! Visit the link below to learn more about how to book an appointment, view the tutoring schedule, and view tutoring locations.

<http://www.southplainscollege.edu/exploreprograms/artsandsciences/teacheredtutoring.php> You also have 180 FREE minutes of tutoring with Tutor.com each week, and your hours reset every Monday morning. Log into Blackboard, click on the tools option from the left-hand menu bar. Click on the Tutor.com link and you will automatically be logged in for free tutoring. You may access tutor.com tutors during the following times: Monday – Thursday: 8pm-8am and 6pm Friday – 8am Monday morning For questions regarding tutoring, please email [tutoring@southplainscollege.edu](mailto:tutoring@southplainscollege.edu) or call 806-716-2538.

**Campus Concealed Carry** - Texas Senate Bill - 11 (Government Code 411.2031, et al.) authorizes the carrying of a concealed handgun in South Plains College buildings only by persons who have been issued and are in possession of a Texas License to Carry a Handgun. Qualified law enforcement officers or those who are otherwise authorized to carry a concealed handgun in the State of Texas are also permitted to do so. Pursuant to Penal Code (PC) 46.035 and South Plains College policy, license holders may not carry a concealed handgun in restricted locations. For a list of locations, please refer to the SPC policy at:

([http://www.southplainscollege.edu/human\\_resources/policy\\_procedure/hhc.php](http://www.southplainscollege.edu/human_resources/policy_procedure/hhc.php))

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**Covid Policy:** If you are experiencing any of the following symptoms, please do not attend class and either seek medical attention or test for COVID-19:

- Cough, shortness of breath, difficulty breathing
- Fever or chills
- Muscles or body aches
- Vomiting or diarrhea
- New loss of taste and smell

Please also notify DeEtte Edens, BSN, RN, Associate Director of Health & Wellness, at [dedens@southplainscollege.edu](mailto:dedens@southplainscollege.edu) or 806-716-2376. Proof of a positive test is required. A home test is sufficient but students must submit a photo of the positive result. The date of test must be written on the test result and an ID included in the photo. If tested elsewhere (clinic, pharmacy, etc.), please submit a copy of the doctor's note or email notification. Results may be emailed to DeEtte Edens, BSN, RN at [dedens@southplainscollege.edu](mailto:dedens@southplainscollege.edu). A student is clear to return to class without further assessment from DeEtte Edens, BSN, RN if they have completed the 5-day isolation period, symptoms have improved, and they are without fever for 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medication. Students must communicate with DeEtte Edens, BSN, RN prior to their return date if still symptomatic at the end of the 5-day isolation.

**Modern American  
History Course  
Instructions**

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Office Hours: M, T, R 1 – 3pm. F 8 – 10. Or by appointment. Please email me 24 hours in advance for a virtual or in-person meeting outside of the times stated above.

**Required Texts:** (This is also the correct bibliographic entries for the Works Cited page of your essays.)

Beals, Melba Pattillo. *Warriors Don't Cry*. New York: Simon and Schuster, 2007. Print.

Corbett, P. Scott, et al. "U.S. History." *OpenStax College*. <https://openstax.org/details/books/us-history>. Accessed August 24, 23. Web.

You may download a free copy of the textbook, read the textbook online for free, or purchase a copy from the bookstore. We will begin with Chapter 16, "The Era of Reconstruction, 1865 – 1877."

**Consistent access to the internet and to a computer is required for this class.** If you have computer problems or internet issues, you may use a computer at one of the computer labs on any SPC campus. I do not accept interrupted computer service or lack of a computer as an excuse for late work.

**How do I get my grade?**

Essay on <i>Warriors Don't Cry</i>	20%
Exam Essays	70%
Weekly discussions in class over assigned readings	10%

**Essay on *Warriors Don't Cry* (10% of your grade)**

*Warriors Don't Cry* is a book by Melba Beals. The book is about the desegregation of Little Rock High School and was written by one of the people who became known as the Little Rock Nine. You will write a formal essay over *Warriors Don't Cry*. The essay will be written over several weeks' time and the final draft is due during Week 13.

**Exams (70% of your grade)**

There will be 4 Exam essays approximately four weeks apart. Each exam will cover materials for those weeks. For example, the first exam will cover weeks 1 – 4 and the final exam will cover week 13 – 15. This will include assigned readings, discussion questions, and videos. The essays are not timed and can be completed in advance, however, there will be no essays accepted after the due date. These essays will connect specific information from the readings with the broader themes of the course. All essays for this class are formal, persuasive essays.

They should conform to MLA format. We will talk about this one day in class. Please review the rubric and the sample paper posted in Course Documents. **Do not use outside sources;** the assigned readings will be all that you need to complete the essays.

### **Weekly Discussions (10% of your grade)**

You should come to class each Wednesday, prepared to discuss the readings assigned in your weekly folder in Blackboard. I will call on students to answer a question from the readings in a random order prepared before our class begins. Students can, of course, volunteer to answer the questions posed, but everyone will get an opportunity to participate.

### **Important Dates and Deadlines**

Discussions/Participation	Be prepared to discuss the texts each Wednesday.
Exam Essays	Weeks 4, 8, 12, due in Blackboard on Thurs. by 11 pm.
Essay over <i>Warriors Don't Cry</i>	November 30, due in Blackboard by 11 pm.
Final Exam	Tuesday, December 12, in Blackboard by 11 pm.

### **Course Rules**

**Late Assignments:** If something happens and you are unable to complete an exam before the deadline, please let me know before the deadline has passed. There may be a 5-point penalty for each day an assignment is late after the original due date.

**Feedback:** I will reply to all messages or emails within 24 hours during the week. I will grade exams within two weeks. I do not reply to email or messages after 3 pm on Friday or before 1 pm on Monday.

**Attendance:** You are encouraged to attend each class meeting. Attendance is part of your discussion grade. It is your responsibility to drop the class if you are no longer able to meet the requirements.

**Blackboard Messages:** The best way to contact me is through Blackboard Messages. Messages are private, and all correspondence about the course should go through Messages. Please only use my email if Blackboard is unresponsive. Do not send assignments through email; **I will not accept any assignment through email or Messages.**

**Netiquette:** Netiquette is the etiquette used online. Remember, every poster on Blackboard is a living, breathing human being. It should be a positive exchange of ideas. Remember to treat people with the same respect as you would in person. Please don't use ALL CAPS; this is the same as yelling. **Simply put – be polite.**

**Plagiarism will not be tolerated:** I consider academic dishonesty (cheating, fabrication, plagiarism, interference with another student's work, or using AI to write a paper) to be serious misconduct. Anything that is plagiarized will receive an automatic Zero (0) and possible expulsion from the course or disciplinary action through the school. Simply stated, plagiarism is claiming another author's work as your own. **If you quote or use another author's work, you must cite that author.** You can find information about proper citation

here: <http://www.southplainscollege.edu/information-for/current-spc-students/library/cslibrary/vl/plagiarism.php> If you are unsure what constitutes plagiarism, please feel email or meet with me as soon as possible.

**Other concerns:** I strongly encourage you to meet with me to discuss any circumstances that might affect your performance in this class. If you have any difficulty during the semester, please contact me immediately. I cannot assist you if I do not know you have a problem.

## Course Schedule

### **Week 1, August 28 – September 1, Reconstruction and the New South**

Readings: Chapter 16, *U. S. History*

Week 1 Assignment, complete by Thursday at 11pm.

### **Week 2, September 4 - 8, Transforming the West**

Readings: Chapter 17, *U. S. History*

Week 2 Assignment, complete by Thursday at 11pm.

### **Week 3, September 11 - 15, Industrialization and Factories**

Readings: Chapters 18, *U. S. History*

Week 3 Assignment, complete by Thursday at 11pm.

### **Week 4, September 18 - 22, The Gilded Age**

Readings: Chapters 19, *U. S. History*

**Exam 1, due in Blackboard by Thursday at 11pm.**

### **Week 5, September 25 - 29, Life at the Turn of the Century**

Readings: Chapter 20, *U. S. History*

Week 5 Assignment, complete by Thursday at 11 pm.

### **Week 6, October 2 – 6, The Progressive Era**

Readings: Chapter 21, *U. S. History*

Week 6 Assignment, complete by Thursday at 11pm.

### **Week 7, October 9 - 13, An American Empire and the Causes of World War I.**

Readings: Chapter 22, *U. S. History*

Week 7 Assignment, complete by Thursday at 11pm.

### **Week 8, October 16 - 20, The Great War and the Effects of WWI on Society.**

Readings: Chapter 23, *U. S. History*

**Exam 2, due in Blackboard by Thursday at 11pm.**

### **Week 9, October 23 - 27, The Decade that Roared and Social Change**

Readings: Chapter 24, *U. S. History*

Week 9 Assignment, complete by Thursday at 11pm.

### **Week 10, October 30 – November 3, And It All Came Crashing Down**

Readings: Chapter 25, *U. S. History*

Week 10 Assignment, complete by Thursday at 11pm.

**Week 11, November 6 - 10, The Second World War**

Readings: Chapters 26, *U. S. History*

Week 11 Assignment, complete by Thursday at 11pm.

**Week 12, November 13 - 17, The Cold War and Foreign Policy**

Readings: Chapter 27, *U. S. History*

**Exam 3, due in Blackboard by Thursday at 11pm.**

**Week 13, November 20 - 22, The 1950s: Age of Conformity?**

**Thanksgiving Break, Nov. 22 - 24**

Readings: Chapter 28, *U. S. History*

No assignment for week 13. Happy Thanksgiving!

**Week 14, November 27 – December 1, The Civil Rights Movements**

Readings: Chapter 29, *U. S. History*

Week 14 Assignment, complete by Thursday at 11pm.

*Warriors Don't Cry* essay due in Blackboard, Thursday at 11pm.

**Week 15, Dec. 4 - 8, The 1960s: Age of Rebellion? Vietnam, Watergate, and the Middle East**

Readings: Chapter 30, *U. S. History*

Week 15 Assignment, complete by Thursday at 11pm.

**Week 16, December 11 - 14, Final Exam Week**

Your final exam is due on Tuesday, December 12<sup>th</sup> by 11 pm.

Your final grade will be available in MySPC by 10 am on Friday, December 15<sup>th</sup>.