

History 109: Modern American History  
Fall Semester 2004

Section 0973  
MW 12:30-1:45 D113  
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The best way to reach me is by e-mail at [jhhistory@cox.net](mailto:jhhistory@cox.net) Students have a free e-mail account through the college. You will need to visit the library computer lab (second floor) in order to set up your account. Generally you will need to present your student I.D. card in order to have your account activated. I will try to respond to your e-mails promptly. Please do not expect an immediate response Fri-Sun.

### **Books**

*The Unfinished Nation: A Concise History of the American People Vol. II since 1877*  
By Alan Brinkley  
Fourth Edition

*McGraw-Hill Primis Reader*  
Compiled by Jennifer Hernandez

### **Study Guide**

By Jennifer Hernandez  
Each student will receive a free study guide for the course. Lost copies can be replaced at a cost of \$3.00 which will be used to cover duplicating costs. The Duplicating Department needs two days notice in order to make additional copies.

Both textbooks are required and available for purchase at the Cuyamaca College Bookstore. As a benefit to students a copies of both texts have been placed on two-hour reserve in the library under the Instructor's name. The books must remain in the library and you will need to present your college I.D. in order to borrow them.

### **Course Description**

This course will examine the history of the United States from Reconstruction (the period immediately following the Civil War) through the Cold War to the modern era. Students will learn the major historical events, politics, religion and social history that have shaped the United States and made the country what it is today. Upon completion of this course, students will leave with a better understanding of our country's history and an appreciation for those who have shaped the past. Students will also have a strong foundation for further historical study in both lower and upper division courses.

I expect all students to come prepared for lecture and to participate in class discussion. This means that I expect you to **read and study** the assigned material before each class session. Questions both in and out of class are always welcomed and class participation is expected.

### **Attendance**

Students are required to attend every class session. I will take attendance during class. Please let me know by e-mail if you are unable to attend class. Per Cuyamaca College guidelines the instructor may drop a student who has missed one week of classes (3 class sessions). Attendance is not only mandatory for student success but is also important for the college. Should you decide not to continue the course **it is your responsibility** as the student to drop or withdraw yourself from the class. I have made these dates available for you on the syllabus.

### **Classroom Conduct**

At the college level, certain behavior is assumed, and expected of students by your professors. While in class, I expect you to be respectful of the instructor and your fellow students and to maintain a professional attitude. This includes refraining from juvenile behavior such as talking during lecture, passing notes, and arriving late to class. I require that all cell phones and pagers be turned off during class. Any student found to be disruptive in class will be asked to leave and the instructor will take disciplinary action according to the college guidelines.

### **Academic Honesty**

In accordance with Cuyamaca College guidelines and in order to insure a positive learning environment for everyone, the course policy on academic honesty follows that of the college catalog. Cheating and plagiarism may result in failure in the course and or further measures including expulsion from the college.

### **Testing**

Quizzes will be given at the beginning of class on the assigned date. Students who arrive late will lose their chance to take the quiz. Quizzes are worth three points each and students will have roughly 7 minutes to complete the quiz. Unit Tests will be given at the beginning of class on the assigned date. Students who arrive more than 25 minutes late to class will forfeit their chance to take the test. The test or quiz that is missed will be the test that I drop. Students who leave a testing situation prematurely will have their test, quiz or in-class writing confiscated and graded on the work that has been completed. Generally tests will be comprised of the following: multiple choice, sentence completion, matching, true or false, geography, essay and short answer questions. In-Class writing assignments will be graded on thesis statement/ argument, spelling, grammar, understanding of the readings and question posed. Students need to demonstrate an understanding of the primary source material and chapter readings.

### **Grading**

I do not grade on a curve and do not give points for attendance or class participation. Your grade is based strictly on point accumulation. My grading policy is outlined below.

A= 90-100% B= 80-89% C= 70-79% D= 60-69% F= 59-0%

2 In-Class Writing Assignments	20
11 Quizzes (lowest score dropped)	30
Unit Test One	50
Unit Test Two	50
Unit Test Three	50
Unit Test Four	50
Unit Test Total (lowest test score dropped)	150
Final Exam	75
Total	275 points

I do not allow students to make-up missed exams or quizzes. The quiz or Unit Test you miss is the one I will drop. All students are required to take the Final Exam. I have made the date available for you. Please adjust your work, school and social life accordingly. Students will be required to bring a Scantron 882 (100 question) form for each Unit Test and the Final Exam. Students will also be required to turn in 5 Blue Books at the beginning of the semester (please do not write your name on the Blue Books).

### **Paperwork Policy**

I have a policy of returning quizzes and exams to my students promptly. I will return Scantrons and Blue Books but I will retain the actual test questions. On days that I return tests and quizzes I will reserve time at the end of class for students to look at the answer keys. At the end of the semester I will keep all old paper work (including the final exam) for a period of four weeks after the final exam date. I will dispose of all unclaimed paperwork unless I have made other arrangements with you. Please e-mail me if you would like to go over your Final Exam.

### **Dates to Remember**

Last day to Add/ Drop without a 'W'	September 3
Credit/ No Credit Deadline	September 24
Withdraw Deadline	November 11
Labor Day Holiday	September 6
Veterans Day Weekend	November 12-14
Thanksgiving Break	November 25,26, and 27
Final Exam	December 13 12:00-2:00 D113

## Assignment Schedule

\*Note: This schedule may be subject to change by the instructor. Any changes to this schedule will be announced in advance of the assigned readings.\*

Week	Monday	Wednesday
1 (8/23+ 8/25)	Introduction to the course	Chapter 15
2 (8/30+ 9/1)	Quiz 1 (chapter 15) Chapter 15	Chapter 16
3 (9/6+ 9/8)	Labor Day Holiday (No Class)	Quiz 2 (chapter 16) Chapter 16 (continued)
4 (9/13+ 9/15)	Quiz 3 (chapter 17) Chapter 17	Chapter 18
5 (9/20+ 9/22)	Chapter 18 (continued) Building the Brooklyn Bridge	Unit Test One (15,16, 17 and 18) Chapter 19 Coxey's Army
6 (9/27+ 9/29)	Quiz 4 (chapter 20) Chapter 20 Empire in the Philippines	Chapter 21
7 (10/4+ 10/6)	Chapter 21	Unit Test Two (19, 20 and 21) Chapter 22
8 (10/11+10/13)	Quiz 5 (chapter 22) Chapter 22	Quiz 6 (chapter 23) Chapter 23
9 (10/18+ 10/20)	Chapter 24 The Black Sox Scandal	Unit Test Three (22,23 and 24) Chapter 25

10 (10/25+ 10/27)	Chapter 26 The Townsend Movement <b>In-Class Writing</b>	Quiz 7 (chapter 26) Chapter 26
11 (11/1+ 11/3)	Quiz 8 (chapter 27) Chapter 27	Chapter 28
12 (11/8+ 11/10)	Chapter 28 The Harlem Hellfighters	Unit Test Four (25, 26, 27 and 28) Chapter 29
13 (11/15+ 11/17)	Quiz 9 (chapter 29) Chapter 29	Chapter 30 The Making of Disneyland
14 (11/22+ 11/24)	Quiz 10 (chapter 30) Chapter 30	Chapter 31
15 (11/29+ 12/1)	Chapter 32 Sherri Finkbine and the Origins of Roe v. Wade <b>In-Class Writing</b>	Quiz 11 (chapter 32) Chapter 32
16 (12/6+ 12/8)	Chapter 33 The Iranian Hostage Crisis	Chapter 33 Review Session
Final Exam Week	<b>Final Exam</b> December 13 <sup>th</sup> 12:00-2:00 D113 (29, 30, 31, 32 and 33)	No Class