

**HISTORY 1302: HISTORY OF THE UNITED STATES, 1865 TO PRESENT
Fall, 2009**

Time: MWF, 10:00 AM – 10:50 AM

Location: Academic Building, Rm. 235

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Office Hours: MWF – 9:00 am to 10:00 am

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Course Objectives:

The objective of this course is to provide an introductory level survey to the second half of United States history from the end of the Civil War to the present. The course will examine the various political, social, cultural and economic themes that have contributed to the development of the United States as a nation, people, and society.

Student Learning Objectives:

- Students will improve their verbal and written skills through classroom discussion and written assignments.
- Students will improve their critical thinking skills through classroom participation and written assignments.
- Students will learn to identify and interpret historical development and change as it pertains to the second half of United States history from the Civil War to the present.

Required Texts: Divine, Robert A., Breen, T.H. and others, *The American Story: Since 1865, Vol II 3rd Ed.*

Cavallo, Dominick, ed., **Private Lives/Public Moments: Readings in American History, Vol. 2.**

Course Requirements

Exam 1	25% (blue book, short identification and essays)
Exam 2	25%
Final Exam	25%
Class Participation/Attendance	25%

General Thoughts:

Honesty and integrity are critical character values. Cheating will not be tolerated. You need to attend every class meeting. Please arrive to class on time. All students must be familiar with the ASU Student Handbook and the Academic Honor Code. The handbook

can be obtained through the university website located at the following address: www.angelo.edu. Please turn off your cell phones while in the classroom. Some things to consider for discussion include identifying major themes, posing major questions you have about the material, and presenting your opinion of the readings. You are encouraged to meet with your professor throughout the semester to discuss your participation grade.

Persons with disabilities: Persons with disabilities who require certain accommodations must contact the Student Life Office located in room 112. You are encouraged to make this request as early as possible during the semester so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

Make-Up Exam Policy: Students must have a documented reason in order to miss or make-up an examination. The make-up examination will differ significantly from the classroom examination. All make-up examinations will be administered at the end of the semester. A specific date will be selected by the professor.

Schedule

Week 1

- 08/24 Introduction and Syllabus
- 08/26 Civil War and Reconstruction
- 08/28 Class Discussion Introduction
Read: *The American Story*, Chapter 16
Private Lives/Public Moments, Chapter 1

Week 2

- 08/31 Westward Expansion
- 09/02 Peoples of the West
- 09/04 Industrial Expansion
Read: *The American Story*, Chapter 17
Private Lives/Public Moments, Chapter 2

Week 3

- 09/07 Holiday
- 09/09 The Emergence of Urban America
- 09/11 Gilded Age Politics
Read: *The American Story*, Chapters 18 - 19

Week 4

- 09/14 An American Empire
- 09/16 The Progressive Era
- 09/18 Angelo State University Library
Read: *The American Story*, Chapters 20 – 21
Private Lives/Public Moments, Chapters 3 – 4
- Week 5**
- 09/21 Progressive Reform and Diplomacy
- 09/23 Exam Review /Class Discussion
- 09/25 **Exam 1**
Read: *The American Story*, Chapter 22
Private Lives/Public Moments, Chapters 5 – 6
- Week 6**
- 09/28 Early 20th Century Immigration
- 09/30 World War I
- 10/02 World War I cont.
Read: *The American Story*, Chapters 23 – 24
- Week 7**
- 10/05 The Roaring Twenties
- 10/07 Prohibition and the US – Mexico Border
- 10/09 Film
Read: *The American Story*, Chapter 25
Private Lives/Public Moments, Chapters 7 - 8
- Week 8**
- 10/12 Visit to the West Texas Collection
- 10/14 The Great Depression
- 10/16 Repatriation and the Depression
Read: *The American Story*, Chapter 26
Private Lives/Public Moments, Chapters 9 – 10
- Week 9**
- 10/19 New Deal America

- 10/21 New Deal Cont.
- 10/23 The United States in World War II
Read: *The American Story*, Chapter 27
Private Lives/Public Moments, Chapters 11 – 12
- Week 10**
- 10/26 Mobilization at Home
- 10/28 Film
- 10/30 **Exam 2**
- Week 11**
- 11/02 The Cold War
- 11/04 The Cold War in America
- 11/06 Class Discussion
Read: *The American Story*, Chapter 28
Private Lives/Public Moments, Chapter 13
- Week 12**
- 11/09 Immigration and the Red Scare
- 11/11 The Eisenhower Years
- 11/13 The Civil Rights Movement
Read: *The American Story*, Chapter 29
Private Lives/Public Moments, Chapters 14
- Week 13**
- 11/16 Politics and Social Change in the 1960s
- 11/18 Escalation of the Vietnam War
- 11/20 Richard Nixon and Watergate
Read: *The American Story*, Chapter 30
Private Lives/Public Moments, Chapters 15 16
- Week 14**
- 11/23 The Reagan Revolution
- 11/25 Class Discussion

11/27 Holiday
Read: *The American Story*, Chapter 31

Week 15

11/30 Today in U.S. History

12/02 The United States – Mexico Border

12/04 Final Exam Review
Read: *The American Story*, Chapter 32

Week 16

12/07 **Final Examination** Monday, 10:30 am – 12:30 pm