HISTORY 1302 WEST SPRING 2017 COURSE SYLLABUS

HISTORY OR THE U.S. FROM 1876 to the Present


Course Overview: This course covers U.S. History from Reconstruction to the present day. During this time period the United States, whether they wanted to or not, became a world power. The focus of this course will be on America’s becoming a world power and how the nation responded to the responsibilities of being a world power.

Course Requirements:

There will be eight grades given each of the three parts of the course.

1. We will have short writing assignments analyzing primary source documents.
2. You will have outside readings picked by me covering the various topics in U.S. history.
   a. All Quiet On the Western Front
   b. 13 Days
3. You will need to read the textbook.
4. We will have quizzes over the readings, and the textbook.
5. We will have group presentations covering the chapters in the textbook. We will have discussions in class over the presentation material and the chapter presented. “I don’t know” is not an acceptable answer for the discussion. I expect all students to read the chapter being presented and be prepared to discuss the material. This also means you will not carry on private conversations during the discussion session.
6. We will have exams covering the lecture notes.
7. Grading: We will have three exams over the lecture notes during the semester. Exams will consist of 50 questions: Multiple choices, True-False, Matching and Placing Events in Order. Exams will count 45% of the class grade. Quizzes will count 35% of the class grade and in class writing assignments and participation will count 5%. Participation consists of taking notes in class and contributing to the class discussion. Homework will count 15% of the class grade. Homework consists of a power point group presentation in class and is due on the date assigned. I will accept late homework with a 15 point deduction. Final exams count 20% and are counted separately. Short writing assignments are completed in class and counted in the 5% participation grade category.
8. Course Outline:
   Part Two: The Struggle for Justice at home and abroad. The U.S. becomes a world power. World War I. We will read All Quiet on the Western Front at this time. The 1920s and the Great Depression. FDR and the New Deal. Pre-war U.S. and World War II.
   Part Three: The making of modern America, 1945 to the present. The civil rights movement. The cold war. We will read The 13 Days about the Cuban Missile Crisis at this
Political turmoil in the 1960s and 70s. The Regan Era. International relations and the fall of the USSR. The politics of the center.

9. Final Exams. Finals count 20% of the class grade and will be given at the regularly scheduled final exam time. Do not ask to take the exam early, the answer is already no. You will be in the final exam for the entire time it is scheduled. The final is comprehensive.

10. You are expected to follow the rules and guidelines as set forth by Angelo State University and the Student Code of Conduct.

11. Cell Phones are not allowed in the classroom, as per Angelo State University policy.

12. Beginning in January, students may bring a laptop to take notes on.