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THE CHANGING AMERICAN NATION: THE 19TH AND 20TH CENTURIES

An introductory survey of the United States and its changing demographics, politics, and economy. Development from an Atlantic colonial society, to an urban-industrial transcontinental nation, to a globalizing nation on the Pacific Rim.

Requirements: A midterm and a final exam on central historical patterns and how they are interpreted.

SCHEDULE OF TOPICS AND READING ASSIGNMENTS

b = book on sale in bookstore r = book only available on reserve
c = reprint in coursepack * = recommended and optional

THE LEGACY OF COLONIALISM

WEEK OF 1/21 **America as a Colonial Region**

13 Colonies, Ireland, and India

(google) Karen O. Kupperman, The Jamestown Project, ch. 1.

“We Shall Remain” Part 1

(r) J. R. McNeill and William H. McNeill, The Human Web, Introduction, ch. 7-8.

(c) Bernard Bailyn and Philip Morgan, Strangers within the Realm, Introduction.

From “Braveheart” to “Patriot”

The International Careers of Lord Cornwallis and the Duke of Wellington

(r) Susan Bean, Yankee India, ch. 1.

*(r) Fintan O’Toole, White Savage.

WEEK OF 1/25 **The Global Context and Momentum of the American Revolution**

(r) Bernard Bailyn, Faces of Revolution, ch. 4, 9.

Anti-colonial Nationalism, Revolution as “Partition,” the Civil War as “Partition” Post-Partition Population

Exchanges: British Loyalists, Greeks and Turks, Hindus and Muslims

“Mary Silliman’s War”

Peopling and Cultural Transplantation

(r) David Hackett Fischer, Albion’s Seed, Part 1 (skim).

(c) George Fredrickson, White Supremacy, ch. 1.

“Africans in America,” part 1

Roots of Plural Society

(c) Richard Hofstadter, America at 1750, ch. 1.

“The War that Made America,” part 1

THE NEW REPUBLIC

WEEK OF 2/1 **America by Design**

(Tisch on-line book) Richard Hofstadter, The American Political Tradition, ch. 1.

(c) John Higham, Send These to Me, ch. 1.

(c) Arthur Mann, The One and the Many, ch. 5-6.

“Destination America,” part 2

Industrialization and Slavery

(b) Herbert Klein, Population History of the U. S., ch. 3.

*(r) Dale Knobel, Paddy and the Republic, ch. 3-5.

“Africans in America,” part 2

WEEK OF 2/8 **The American People at Mid-Century: Diverse Communities of a Democratizing Nation**

Borderlands of Empire and Trade

“The Way West”

(Tisch on-line book) Hofstadter, The American Political Tradition, ch. 3-4.

The Reserve Army of Labor

- (c) Herbert G. Gutman, "Work, Culture, and Society in Industrializing America."
- (c) Donna Gabaccia, "Women of the Mass Migrations."
- (c) Stephen Steinberg, The Ethnic Myth, ch. 6.

WEEK OF 2/15 Revivalism and Reform

- (b) Alan Dawley, Struggles for Justice, ch. 1.
- (c) John L. Thomas, "Romantic Reform in America, 1815-1865."
- *(r) Alice Felt Tyler, Freedom's Ferment.
- "The Sins of our Mothers"

A Divided Society

- (Tisch on-line book) Hofstadter, The American Political Tradition, ch. 5.
- "The Civil War," part 1

BECOMING A TRANSCONTINENTAL URBAN-INDUSTRIAL NATION

WEEK OF 2/22 Re-Colonizing America: New Immigrant Communities

- (r) Philip Taylor, The Distant Magnet, ch.6-9.
- "Journey to America"

Industrialization and Urbanization

- (b) Klein, Population History of the U. S., ch. 4.
- "Richest Man in the World"

Chicago: Center of Transcontinental Industrial Society

- (c) William Cronon, Nature's Metropolis, ch. 1.
- "Mr. Sears Catalog"
- Chicago's World Fair as National Symbol
- *(google) Robert Rydell, All the World's a Fair.
- "Expo"

WEEK OF 3/1 Fin-de-Siecle Turning Point: Sinking the Lower Class

- (c) John Higham, "The Reorientation of American Culture in the 1890s."
- (r) Walter LaFeber, The New Empire, ch. 2.
- "America 1900," part 2.
- (b) Dawley, Struggles for Justice, ch. 2.
- "East of Occidental" "Destination America," part 3

Populism and Progressivism

- (google) David Tyack, The One Best System, Parts IV and V.
- "TR," part 1; "TR's speech"
- Social Darwinist and Reform America

Survival and Suffering; Between Two Worlds

- (r) William Graham Sumner, What Social Classes Owe to Each Other.

WEEK OF 3/8 Immigration and Restriction

- (c) Akira Iriye, "Foreword," Norris Hundley, Jr., ed. The Asian American.
- (c) Sucheng Chan, "European and Asian Immigration to the United States in Comparative Perspective, 1820s to 1920s," in Virginia Yans-McLaughlin, Immigration Reconsidered, ch. 2.
- (b) Lawrence H. Fuchs, The American Kaleidoscope, ch. 6-7.
- (c) Higham, Send These to Me, ch. 2

New Racializations

- (google) Oscar Handlin, Race and Nationality in American Life, ch. 4-6.
- *(r) Jennifer Guglielmo and Salvatore Salerno, Are Italians White?
- *(r) Noel Ignatiev, How the Irish Became White.
- *(r) Eric L. Goldstein, The Price of Whiteness: Jews, Race, and American Identity.
- "America and the Holocaust"

WEEK OF 3/15 From Normalcy to New Deal: The 1920s to the Great Depression

- (Tisch on-line book) Richard Hofstadter, The American Political Tradition, ch. 11-12.
- (b) Klein, Population History of the U. S., ch. 5.

(b) Dawley, Struggles for Justice, ch. 7.
“The Great Depression” part 1

WEEK OF 3/22 **Spring Break**

BECOMING A GLOBAL DEMOCRACY

WEEK OF 3/29 **Depression and War as Nationalization**

(b) Richard Polenberg, One Nation Divisible, ch. 1-4.
“The Great Depression,” part 2 “Bound for Glory”

WEEK OF 4/5 **Affluence and Anxiety: The Rise of Suburbia**

(c) “What is the American Character?” Time Magazine (Sept. 27, 1954).

(c) “David Riesman, 92, Helped Define Modern America”

(c) David Riesman et al, The Lonely Crowd, Introduction.

“The Man in the Grey Flannel Suit” “Rebel Without a Cause”

(b) Klein, Population History of the U. S., ch. 6.

The New Search for Truth and Love

“Newport” (Joan Baez: “truth and love; beyond Democrats and Republicans”) “Don’t Look Back” “Malcolm X:

Global Community” “Easy Rider”

Revolution to Narcissism to Entitlement*

(r) Christopher Lasch, The Culture of Narcissism. (skim)

*(r) Robert J. Samuelson, The Good Life and Its Discontents, Part I.

WEEK OF 4/12

Cold War and Counter Politics

(r) Juan Williams, Eyes on the Prize. (skim)

“Eyes on the Prize”

Immigration in a Globalizing Society

(b) Klein, Population History of the U. S., ch. 7

“Statue of Liberty”

WEEK OF 4/19

Bicoastal America

(b) Deborah Dash Moore, To the Golden Cities, ch. 5, 7.

“The Jackie Robinson Story” “Lost Concert”

Between the Atlantic and Pacific

(r) Dennis Ogawa and John Blink, California Hotel and Casino. (skim)

“Blue Hawaii”

*(r) Kevin Starr, Americans and the California Dream.

WEEK OF 4/26 **Globalism and National Identity**

(b) Fuchs, The American Kaleidoscope, ch. 15-19.