

SYLLABUS – HIS 202
History of the United States from 1877 to the Present
NORTHEASTERN TECHNICAL COLLEGE

History 202-79

Spring 2008

Tues/Thurs 9:30 a.m.-10:45 a.m. – Room 536
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TEXT:

Goldfield, David, et al. *The American Journey: A History of the United States, Brief Fourth Edition, Vol. 2.* Upper Saddle River, NJ: Pearson Prentice Hall, 2007. ISBN#0-13-199249-X.

OVERVIEW: This is the second survey course in American History and covers the period from 1877 to the present. The course will cover but not be limited to Immigration, the Western Movement, Industrial Growth, Imperialism, the Depression and the seven wars involving the U.S. since 1877. We will examine these and other events from a political, social, and cultural perspective.

GRADES: Tests (4)	40
Midterm	30
Final	<u>30</u>
Total	100

Most tests will involve multiple choice, matching, true/false, fill-in-the blank and/or essay questions. There will be two opportunities during the semester for extra credit essays (8 Points).

GRADING SCALE: A=90%, B=80%, C=70%, D=60%, F=under 60%

Students are expected to attend class on a regular basis and have completed the assigned readings which will allow the individual to ask questions and participate in discussions. As well as class discussions, other mediums will be used during the semester such as guest speakers and multi-media presentations.

CLASS SCHEDULE

Dates	Topic	Readings
January 10	Introduction to the class	
January 15	Effective Testing Skills	
January 17	Economic Progress	chap. 17
January 22	Industry & Urbanization	chap. 18
January 24	Industry & Urbanization	chap. 18
January 29	The West	chap. 19
January 31	TEST 1	
February 5	Politics	chap. 20
February 7	Progressive Era	chap. 21
February 12	Imperialism	chap. 22
February 14	Imperialism	chap. 22
February 19	TEST 2	
February 21	WWI	chap. 23
February 26	WWI	chap. 23
February 28	The 1920s	chap. 24
March 4	MID-TERM/1st Extra Credit Due	
March 6	The Depression	chap. 25
March 11	The Depression	chap. 25
March 13	WWII	chap. 26
March 18	WWII	chap. 26
March 20	TEST 3	
March 25 & 27	NO CLASS	
April 1	Cold War	chap. 27

April 3	Cold War	chap. 27
April 8	Confidence	chap. 28
April 10	Viet Nam	chap. 29
April 15	Viet Nam	chap. 29
April 17	TEST 4	
April 22	Regan	chap. 30
April 24	Regan	chap. 30
April 29	Crisis	chap. 31
April 30-May 6	FINAL EXAM WEEK	

ACADEMIC DISHONESTY: NETC honors the state TEC Student Code with regard to Academic Dishonesty. Students should read the Student Code. Copies of the Student Code are available in Student Services. Additional copies may be posted in instructional areas. Cheating and plagiarism will be punished in an appropriate manner and may result in extended disciplinary action.

ATTENDANCE: Realizing that attendance is essential for the successful pursuit of any academic discipline, students are expected to attend class regularly. Any student who misses more than 20% of classes (6) will be dropped from the class with an unsatisfactory grade of **F**.

TARDY POLICY: Arriving late for a class not only disrupts a class in progress but interrupts the learning process. A tardy is defined as the arrival of a student to class after attendance has been taken. Three tardies will constitute a full absence. Leaving class early is counted the same as a tardy and incurs the same penalty.

TURN OFF ALL CELL PHONES AND BEEPERS DURING CLASS !

MAKE UP TESTS: Make up tests are given for legitimate reasons (illness, family emergencies, work related issues, etc.) and excuses are required. All make up tests are given in the Success Center.

CLASS WITHDRAWALS: It is the student's responsibility to withdraw from the class should he/she wish. **The last date to withdraw without a grade penalty is April 14.**

STUDENT ID: It is mandatory that every student wear his/her ID at all times. The instructor will dismiss students without ID from class. The student may get his/her

ID and return to class before the midpoint of the class. If the student cannot get his/her ID and return to class by the midpoint, the instructor will record the absence.

DISABILITIES STATEMENT: Students with disabilities are encouraged to contact the Vice President for Student Services to discuss needs or concerns as they pursue an academic program and participate in campus life. The Vice President for Student Services will provide guidance regarding official documentation of disabilities and/or accommodation of needs.

INCLIMATE WEATHER: The dates for classes and exams may be changed based on inclimate weather including snow/ice days. Information on the status of college operations can be found on WBSC, WCRE, WPDZ and other radio stations in the area. Cancellations of evening classes will be announced over the same radio stations by 4 p.m.

EXTRA CREDIT ASSIGNMENTS

First Half: The Great Depression was a defining period in American History and Politics. Examine the lyrics (1949) from the song ***Big Rock Candy Mountain*** in the motion picture ***O Brother, Where art Thou?*** and write a three page paper (12 font, doubled spaced, standard margins) concerning the problems, hopes, and aspirations of America's unemployed and displaced during this period.

Second Half: The song, ***Fortunate Son***, which was written by John C. Fogerty in 1969 emerged as an anthem for the anti-war movement in the Viet Nam period and yet resurfaced post 9-11-2001 to revive patriotism. Write a three page paper (12 font, double spaced, standard margins) on what it tells us about service in the military during Viet Nam and how this turnabout occurred.

Extra credit assignments are due at the Mid-Term and Final Exam testing periods. They must be presented in hard copy form. **No Attachments, No Extensions, No Exceptions.**

The instructor reserves the right to alter the reading assignments, class schedule, and test dates based on the College schedule, availability of media materials, Acts of God, etc.