

10:00 - 10:50 a.m. MWF (20234)

McLear

History 150: American History Since 1865, Spring 2012, Professor P.E. McLear

Required Reading:

Paul S. Boyer, *The Enduring Vision: A History of the American People from 1865 Vol. II* (Dolphin Edition 2009) & Carl J. Guarneri, *Reader: American Compared*

Attendance: Attendance will be recorded daily.

Examinations: There will be three (3) 100-point examinations. These examinations will be taken on February 17, March 30, and the Final Examination, Monday, May 7, 2012, 8:30 a.m. - 10:20 a.m. A student missing the first and/or second examination shall receive a "F" grade for each missed test. Failure to take the final examination will result in an "F" grade for the course.

Book Reports: There will be two (2) written book reports in class on books to be selected from the textbook and approved by the instructor. The book report tests will come on February 24 and April 13, 2012. Select your book early, since each student must report on a different book. The book reports must be completed before a student will be given a final grade higher than "F." No incompletes will be given for failure to complete the book requirement.

Grade Scale: A=258 or more points; B=228 or more points; C=186 or more points; D=156 or more points.

<u>Dates</u>	<u>Lecture Topics</u>	<u>NCSS Theme Links</u>
Jan. 18 - Feb. 15	Introduction	
	The Era of Reconstruction	1,2,3,4,5,6,9,10
	"Jim Crow" and Race Relations	1,2,3,4,5,6,10
	Web of Steel	1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9
	Rise of Industrial America	1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10
	Labor and the New Order	1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9
	Urban America	1,2,3,4,5,8,9
	Party Politics and the Gilded Age	1,2,3,4,5,6,10
	Agrarian Revolt	1,2,3,4,5,6,7,9
	Race for Empire	1,2,3,4,5,6,9,10
Feb. 17	FIRST EXAMINATION (Boyer, 481 - 647; Guarneri, 1 - 178)	
Feb. 22 - Mar. 28	Progressive Movement	1,2,3,4,5,6,10
	Roosevelt Administration	1,2,3,4,6,9,10
	Taft Administration	1,2,3,4,5,6,9,10
	Woodrow Wilson as Moralizer and Reformer	1,2,3,4,5,6,9,10
	Road to War	1,2,3,4,5,6,9
	Treaty of Versailles	1,2,3,4,5,6,9,10
	"Normalcy"	1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,10

	Cultural Conflict	1,2,3,4,5,6,7,10
	Boom and Bust in the 1920s	1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10
March 30	SECOND EXAMINATION (Boyer, 648 - 754; Guarneri, 179 - 274)	
April 2 – April 30	Franklin D. Roosevelt and the 1932 Election	1,2,3,4,5,6,7,9,10
	First New Deal	1,2,3,4,5,6,7
	Second New Deal	1,2,3,4,5,6,7
	Good Neighbor Policy	1,2,3,4,5,6,9
	Road to War	1,2,3,4,5,6,9
	Cold War in Europe	1,2,3,4,5,6,8,9
	Harry S. Truman and the Fair Deal	1,2,3,4,5,6,10
	Dwight D. Eisenhower and “Dynamic Conservatism”	1,2,3,4,5,6,7,10
	The New Frontier and the Great Society	1,2,3,4,5,6,7,10
	Era of Disillusionment: Nixon, Ford, Carter, and Reagan	1,2,3,4,5,6,7,10
May 7, 2012	FINAL EXAMINATION (Boyer, 755 - 1045; Guarneri, 275 - 447) 8:30 a.m. - 10:20 a.m.	

Office Hours: 12:00 - 1:00 p.m. MTWF except Friday, April 13; 2:00 - 3:00 p.m. MW; and by appointment.

As a part of the General Studies Program at MWSU, this course is designed to educate students in a traditional liberal arts manner so that they will demonstrate the skills, knowledge, and characteristics of an educated person. Students will be provided an opportunity to acquire and reinforce knowledge and skills to:

1. Think critically and reason analytically
2. Write and speak clearly and effectively
3. Understand common phenomena in social environments as well as the methods by which they are studied
4. Gain a greater awareness of the present through an understanding of other cultures and times
5. Understand and appreciate moral values and ethical choices
6. Understand and appreciate technological concepts and their influence on society

Note: For those students intending to teach History and the Social Sciences at the secondary

level, please be aware that the National Council for the Social Studies (NCSS) requires

the promotion of ten thematic standards that are designed especially to assist students who are preparing for a teaching career. These ten thematic standards are:

1. Culture and cultural diversity.
2. Time, continuity, and change.
3. People, places, and environments.
4. Individual development and identity.
5. Individuals, groups, and institutions.
6. Power, authority, and governance.
7. Production, distribution, and consumption.
8. Science, technology, and society.
9. Global connections.
10. Civic ideals and practices.

Each of these thematic standards will be integrated into this course. In particular, standards 2, 3, 5, 6, 9, and 10 will be emphasized. Students in secondary education are responsible for keeping all quizzes, papers, and examinations as artifacts for their electronic portfolios.

#### MAKE-UP EXAM POLICY:

1. Provide two days for make-up exams each semester. The first day will occur prior to mid-term grades. The second day will occur prior to final exams.
2. Provide make-up exams for daytime students and evening students on the same day (one session during the afternoon and one session during the evening). One or two classrooms will be reserved for specific exam times. Each of the classrooms will be proctored by departmental faculty on a rotating basis.
3. At the discretion of the respective professors, each student will be allowed to take only one make-up per class per semester. This includes major exams, quizzes, book reviews, or any other in-class assignments. All other missed assignments will receive a failing grade. Professors still have the prerogative to deny make-ups if the students do not provide valid reasons for missing the exams, quizzes, or assignments. A make-up is not a right. It is a privilege.
4. If a student misses a final exam, he/she will receive a "0" for that exam or a course grade of "Incomplete", depending on the discretion of the professor.
5. All disputes concerning this policy will be brought directly to the chairman of the department for a decision.

#### DISABLED STUDENT INFORMATION:

If you have been diagnosed with a disability or if you suspect that you may have a disability that has never been diagnosed and would like to find out what services may be available, please visit the Office of Disability Services (ODS) in Eder Hall, room 203N or visit the ODS website at <http://www.missouriwestern.edu/ds/> as soon as possible. This syllabus, as well as all other printed

or electronic materials, can be made available in alternative/accessible formats if requested with sufficient prior notice. Missouri Western is an equal opportunity/affirmative action institution.

#### **ACADEMIC HONESTY POLICY AND DUE PROCESS:**

Academic honesty is required in all academic endeavors. Violations of academic honesty include any instance of plagiarism, cheating, seeking credit for another's work, falsifying documents or academic records, or any other fraudulent activity. Violations of academic honesty may result in a failing grade on the assignment, failure in the course, or expulsion from the University. When a student's grade has been affected, violations of academic honesty will be reported to the Provost or designated representative on the Academic Honesty Violation Report forms. Please see the MWSU Student Handbook and Calendar for specific activities identified as violations of this policy and the student due process procedure. This handbook is also available online at <http://www.missouriwestern.edu/handbook/index.pdf>

#### **Journals**

Agricultural History  
American Historical Review  
American Political Science Review  
Annals/Am Academy of Poli Sci  
Business History Review  
Canadian Historical Review  
Civil War History  
English Historical Review  
Western Historical Quarterly  
William and Mary Quarterly

Journal of British Studies  
Journal of Modern History  
Journal of Negro History  
Journal of Southern History  
Journal of the West  
Missouri Historical Review  
Pacific Historical Review  
Reviews in American History  
Journal of American History  
Journal of Afro-American History

#### **Getting to the O Drive:**

##### **On-Campus Labs:**

Log-In using your user name and password (provided by the computer center LRC 110)  
Open "My Computer" Icon on Desktop  
Open "Labs On Server O:"  
Open Folder "HPG"  
Open Folder "McLear"  
Open Appropriate Course Folder  
You can then open and print documents.

##### **Off-Campus via Internet:**

Go to <http://students.mwsc.edu/>  
Click Link "Enter NetStorage"  
Enter User name and password (provided by the computer center LRC 110)  
Open [DriveO@Labs](#)

Open Folder "HPG"

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