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History 17B: United States History-Reconstruction to present times, 1865-2003.
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Course Summary: This course will cover key economic, intellectual, social, political, and cultural developments in the history of the United States in the period of Reconstruction to contemporary times. In addition to our main text, Out of Many, Vol.2, we will read and write about the meanings of primary documents in Dissent in America Vol.2. Students will focus on acquiring the skills of critical reading, writing, and research skills.


Grading: 2 Rough draft essays (50 points), 2 Essays* (100 points each), 2 Midterms (take home examinations, 100 points each), Class Discussions/Attendance (200 points) and Final Examination* (in class examination-200 points).

* Note to student: Reading and writing are core skills in this course. Students will be responsible for reading primary documents and participate in class discussions on the meaning of the document. Half of the students’ attendance/discussion grade will be based on student performance in the class discussions. Students will write two essays. Before the student turns in a final draft, the student will write a rough draft worth 50% of the grade of the final draft. If a student misses a due date midterm examination, it cannot be turned in late. Failure to take the final examination will result in failing the course. Incomplete will only be earned in the case of documented illness or family emergency. Completion of coursework will be the students’ responsibility.

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History 17B-Class Schedule:

**First Day:** Introduction to assignments and course requirements.

**Reading Assignments**

**Week 1:** *Out of Many* (Chapter 17), *Dissent in America*, p. 4-8 (Frederick Douglass, “What a Black Man Wants..” and p.12-19, “Account of Susan B. Anthony’s trial.”

**Week 2:** *Out of Many* (Chapter 18), *Dissent in America* p.27-33 (statement of the National Labor Union), 36-37 (Chief Joseph’s appeal to President Hayes).

**Week 3:** *Out of Many* (Chapter 19), *Dissent in America*. p.34-35, (Eight Hour Day Song), p. 44-48, Omaha Platform of the Populist Party of Nebraska).

**Week 4:** *Out of Many* (Chapter 20), *Dissent in America* p. 48-49, (Jane Adams on Settlement Houses), 50-55 (Francis Willard, speech to the WCTU), 56-59 (Booker T. Washington’s “Cast the Bucket Where You Are.”) and p.74-83 (Carl Schurz and William Jennings Bryan on American Imperialism).


**Week 6:** *Out of Many* (Chapter 22), *Dissent in America* p. 117-119 (songs of Joe Hill), 119-131 (anti-war speeches of Senator Robert M. LaFollette and Eugene V. Debs).

**Week 7:** *Out of Many* (Chapter 23), *Dissent in America* p. 145-148 (Marcus Garvey), 149-156 (Margaret Sanger), 156-164 (H.L. Mencken, Langston Hughes).

**Week 8:** *Out of Many* (Chapter 24) *Dissent in America* p. 164-168 (Father Coughlin), 168-176 (Huey Long), Social Security Act (1935), Wagner Act (1935), CIO flyer (copies will be on reserve in the West Valley Library).

**Week 9:** *Out of Many* (Chapter 25), *Dissent in America*, p. 193-201(Dave Dellinger), 201-207 (statements and letters of interned Japanese American, Minoru Yasui).

**Week 10:** *Out of Many*,(Chapter 26), *Dissent in America*, p. 232-237 (testimony of “Hollywood Ten” figure John Howard Lawson), 238-249 (statements and testimony of Margaret Chase Smith and Paul Robeson).

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Week 11- *Out of Many* (Chapter 27), *Dissent in America*, 253-256 (“America” by Allen Ginsberg).


Week 14-*Out of Many* (Chapter 30), *Dissent in America*, p. 394-395 (Paul Weyrich, conservative activist), 396-401 (ACT-UP activist statements), 402-408 (Gulf War I resister Jeff Paterson), 409-413 (statement of Anita Hill).


Examinations & Essay due dates
Midterm 1-take home due-March 17, 2006 (Friday class)
Midterm 2-take home due-April 14, 2006 (Friday class)

Rough draft 1 due-March 10, 2006, (Friday class)
Final draft 1-March 24, 2006 (Friday class)
Rough draft 2-May 5, 2006 (Friday class)
Final draft 2-May 19, 2006 (Friday class)

Final Examination:
History 17B-Section: 41351-May 26, 2006-9:40-11:40A.M.

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