

Bridgewater State University

Syllabus Summer 2019, 3 Credits

HIST 222 US Constitutional History and Constitution since 1865

May 27 – June 21

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BOOKS:

Eric Foner. *Give Me Liberty!* Vol 2. Seagull 5th edition (ISBN 978-0-393-61419-0)

Eric Foner. *Voices of Freedom: A Documentary History*, v. 2. (ISBN 978-0-393-61450-3)

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

This course will survey the history of the United States from 1865 to the present. We will analyze the course of American history from a variety of perspectives: political, diplomatic, economic and cultural.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS:

5% Class participation: attendance, doing work on time, contributing to class discussion, oral report.

10% Paper 1

15% Paper 2

20% Mid-Term

25% Paper 3

25% Final Exam

The first two papers will be based on the source documents read in the course. The first paper will be 4-5 pages long. The second paper will be 5-6 pages. The third paper will be an in-depth analysis of one of the classics of American literature. This is not a book report – your task will be to show ways the work you have read tells us something about the period during which it was written. This paper will be approximately 8 pages long and will form the subject of an oral report at the end of the course. Please send me an e-mail if you are going to miss a class or have missed a class – there may be important changes in assignments.

Grade	Quality Points
A	4.0
A-	3.7
B+	3.3
B	3.0
B-	2.7
C+	2.3
C	2.0
C-	1.7
D+	1.3
D	1.0
D-	0.7
F	0.0

Plagiarism (especially lifting work from the Internet – which is easily detectable) will not be tolerated. I am interested in your ideas and interpretations, not those of others (although you may incorporate the ideas of others into your papers using proper footnoting techniques). Plagiarism will be punished severely.

CLASS SCHEDULE

Class I

Monday 5/27 Foner textbook, preface xvi-xxiii and chapter 15, pp. 564-602: ‘What is Freedom?’: Reconstruction
Foner, Document reader pp.1- 27.

Class II

Tuesday 5/28 Foner textbook, chapter 16, pp. 603-648: America’s Gilded Age 1870-1890
Foner, Document reader, pp. 28- 51.

Class III

Wednesday 5/29 Foner textbook, chapter 17, pp. 649-690: Freedom’s Boundaries, at Home and Abroad 1890-1900.
Foner, Document reader, pp. 52-76.

Class IV

Thursday 5/30 Foner textbook, chapter 18, pp. 691-733: The Progressive Era

Foner, Document reader, pp. 77-104.

Class V

Friday 5/31 Foner textbook chapter 19, pp. 734-778: Safe for Democracy: The United States and WWI

Foner, Document reader, pp. 105-135.

First Paper Due

Class VI

Monday 6/3 Foner textbook chapter 20, pp. 779-817: From Business Culture to Great Depression

Foner, Document reader, pp. 136-62

Class VII

Tuesday 6/4 Foner textbook chapter 21, pp. 818-860: The New Deal

Foner, Document reader, pp. 163-191.

Class VIII

Wednesday 6/5 Foner textbook chapter 22, pp. 861-904: Fighting for the Four Freedoms: World War II 1941-1945

Foner, Document reader, pp. 192-214

Class IX

Thursday 6/6

Class X

Friday 6/7 Foner textbook, chapter 23 pp. 905-939: The United States and the Cold War 1945-1953

Foner, Document reader, pp. 215-247

Second paper due

Class XI

Monday 6/10 **Mid-Term**

Class XII

Tuesday 6/11 Foner textbook, chapter 24, pp. 940-981: An Affluent Society 1953-1960.

Foner, Document reader, pp. 248-271.

Class XIII

Wednesday

Class XIV

Thursday 6/13 Foner textbook, chapter 25, pp. 983-1029: The Sixties.

Foner, Document reader, pp. 272-306.

Class XV
Friday 6/14

Class XVI
Monday 6/17 Foner textbook, chapter 26, pp. 1030-1070. The Triumph of Conservatism 1969-1988.
Foner, Document reader, pp. 307-331.

Class XVII
Tuesday 6/18

Class XVIII
Wednesday 6/12 Foner textbook, chapter 27, pp. 1071-1108: From Triumph to Tragedy 1989-2001.
Foner, Document reader, pp. 332-348.

Class XIX
Thursday 6/20

Class XX
Friday 6/21 **Final Exam**