

Addendum to the Syllabus

Fall 2022 Modern U.S. History @ Cosby High School

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General Information

Required Text: Alan Brinkley, *Unfinished Nation*

Instructional and Evaluation Methods:

- Exams and quizzes - 50%
 - See testing procedures
- Essays and Assignments - 20%
 - All essays must be submitted via DropBox on eLearn. They will be rated by TurnItIn which checks for plagiarism. A TurnItIn rating greater than 50% will not be graded and the student will either accept a zero grade or resubmit the assignment.
 - Each student may choose to resubmit up to 3 essays to improve his/her grade.
- Participation and Discussion Board - 15%
 - Students will have a weekly discussion board, especially if the school/college is not meeting in-person.
 - Participation will involve in-class activities and cannot be made up if absent.
- Research Project - 15%
 - All students will complete a National History Day research project throughout the semester.
- **FINAL GRADE**
 - 50% Grades taken August 1-October 11
 - 50% Grades taken October 12-December 15

Testing Procedures:

- In person tests will be a few multiple choice and several identification items where you will write a paragraph about a person, event, or topic. Potential IDs will be listed at the end of each class. You will have the option to correct items to improve your grade if you take the test on the assigned day. If you miss a test, you have until the next scheduled test to make it up, but will not be allowed to do test corrections.
- If the college/school is not meeting in-person, tests will be multiple choice on eLearn. They will be timed. There will be no correction options.

Grading Scale:

A	90-100
B	80-89
C	70-79
D	60-69
F	0-59

Assignments/Projects:

Assignment 1: Gilded Age Comics (see description in eLearn)

Discussion Board Men like Carnegie and Rockefeller are called “Captains of Industry” but also “Robber Barons.” What did they do to earn the title of “Captains of Industry?” What did they do to earn the title “Robber Barons?” Which title do you think is more fitting? Defend your answer.

Assignment 2: Progressives Chart (available on eLearn)

Discussion Board The US emerged as a world power between the end of the Civil War and 1920. What were the three most important events that thrust the United States onto the world stage? Describe those events in detail. Where were they located? Why was the United States involved? How was the US involved? What was the outcome? Why do you think those events pushed the United States into world power status? Was it necessary for the United States to become a world power? (Support your opinion) (30 points)

Assignment 3: New Deal Chart (available on eLearn)

Discussion Board: New Deal

Assignment 4: Civil Rights Terms (available on eLearn)

Discussion Board: Easy Living

Assignment 5: Twentieth Century Court Cases (available on eLearn)

Discussion Board: Current History

ESSAY 7 Choose one - Choose a current world event/issue. How has the study of this period of American history helped to be able to better understand what is going on in the world today? **OR** Choose an event we have studied this semester that is similar to a current event. Compare the two events. (24 points)

I will be looking for you to write details in the essay, not generalities. Remember to cite any outside sources (news articles or reports, etc.) that you consult. **All Essays must be submitted via eLearn and have a Turn-It-In score lower than 50%.**

Subject to change per course news item

Week Of	Topic/Activity
Aug 1	Research Project Introduction Assignments: eLearn competencies and pre-test; NHD: Select Topic and groups
Aug 7	Topic: Conquest of the West NHD: Encyclopedia Research
Aug 14	Topic: Industrial Revolution NHD: 1 Secondary Source
Aug 21	Topic: The Age of the City Assignment: Discussion Board Captains of Industry vs. Robber Barons; NHD: 2 Primary Sources
Aug 28	Topic: Empire Assignment: Gilded Age Comics, Test 1; NHD: Academic Journal Source
Sept 5	Topic: Progressives Assignment: Progressives Chart, Discussion Board World Power; NHD: Chronicling America Source
Sept 11	Topic: The Great War NHD: 2 Primary Sources
Sept 18	Topic: The New Era NHD: 2 Sources
Sept 25	Topic: The Great Depression Test 2; NHD: 1 Source
Oct 9	Topic: The New Deal Assignment: New Deal Chart, Discussion Board New Deal; NHD: Visual Sources
Oct 16	Topic: The Global Crisis NHD: Bibliography and Process Paper
Oct 23	Topic: World War II NHD: School Showcase
Oct 30	Topic: 1950s Assignments: Easy Living Video/Discussion Board, Test 3 NHD: 1 Source, Register for District
Nov 6	Topic: 1960s Assignments: Civil Rights; NHD: 2 Sources
Nov 13	Topic: 1970s Assignments: Twentieth Century Court Cases Chart; NHD: Revised Project
Nov 27	Topic: Reagan to the Present Assignment: Current History Discussion Board; NHD: 1 Source
Dec 4	Assignments: Comparing History Essay, Test 4; NHD: 1 Source
Dec 11	NHD Revised Project (This will be your final exam grade for the high school portion of the course)