

University of South Alabama
HY 136: US History since 1877
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TR 11:00 AM - 12:15 PM
Humanities 342

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Contact information: Email is the quickest and best way to contact me. Please use the email address above. If necessary, you may leave a message with the history department secretary at 460-6210.

Goals and Objectives: This course will survey the major events and themes of the history of the United States from the end of reconstruction to the end of the cold war.

Textbooks: James L. Roark, et. al., *The American Promise: A Compact History; Volume II From 1865*. Third Edition

Ralph E. Young, ed., *Dissent in America, Volume II, Since 1865*.

Evaluation: There will be two exams, a midterm and final. In addition, there will be a number of quizzes and writing assignments. Details are given in a separate evaluation document.

Grades: Grades will be calculated as follows:

Quizzes	30% of grade
Writing Assignments	20% of grade
Midterm exam	20% of grade
Final exam	30% of grade

The grading scale: 90% or above = A; 80%-89% = B; 70%-79% = C; 60%-69% = D; below 60% = F

Make-up policy: A make-up quiz or exam will be given only if an emergency, serious illness, or unavoidable commitment sanctioned by the University can be documented. Informing me in person or by email before you miss the quiz, test, or exam is advised.

Any make-up work must be completed before the next quiz or exam with all make-up completed before the last day of classes. It is your responsibility to contact me and schedule the make-up. Missing a make-up that you scheduled will not be excused for any reason.

Disabilities: In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, students with bona fide disabilities will be afforded reasonable accommodation. The Office of Special Student Services will certify a disability and advise faculty members of reasonable accommodations.

Honesty: All work that you submit for this course must be the product of your own studying and thinking. In-class work must be completed without use of notes, communication with others, or other type of aid. Work done out of class must be the product of your own mind and skill, plagiarism is not allowed. Any student who violates this policy may receive an "F" for the course. Cases of academic dishonesty may also be referred to the appropriate University authorities for further proceedings and sanctions.

Disruption of Class: Disruption of class for any reason, including but not limited to: habitual late arrival, habitual early departure, ringing cell phones, talking or making other excess noise, will not be tolerated.

Computer Usage: Computers may only be used in class for purposes associated with the class, note taking etc. Any other use, email, IM, Internet etc. is not permitted and the offending student may be barred from using a computer in class in the future.

Attendance: Attendance is expected. Attendance will be considered in evaluating borderline grades.

Modifications: Unforeseen circumstances may necessitate changes in this syllabus. Any changes will be communicated either orally or in written form.