Course Objective: The primary goal of this course is for students to gain an appreciation and knowledge of U.S. history for the past 150 years. To fully realize this objective, students need to be active participants in class. Class lectures and discussions, based on required readings, are often the focal points for moments of insight and clarity.


Grading scale: A=90-100, B=80-89, C=70-79, D=60-69, and F=59 and below.

Tests: There will be three tests throughout the semester. Each will be worth 30 points. Make-ups will be permitted under exceptional circumstances, such as illnesses and family emergencies. If you are unable to take a scheduled test, please notify me as soon as possible.

Class Participation: Attendance will be taken daily. Students should make a strong, good-faith effort to attend every class. Frequent absences (more than 2) and/or consistent tardiness (three tardies equal one absence) will adversely affect your grade. Medical notes and other valid excuses will be required for an absence to be considered excused.

Once they sign-in, students are expected to remain in class for the full session. Failure to do so will result in the loss of all attendance points. Obviously, sign in only on your card. Signing in for another classmate is unacceptable. Any violation of the attendance or signing in policy or any other infractions, such as cheating on exams, may result in an Academic Misconduct Incident Report being filed with the KSU Dept. of Student Conduct and Academic Integrity.

Please tell Dr. Slomovitz when you need to leave class early. This portion of your grade is worth 10 points equaling 10% of your total grade.

**Pedagogical and anecdotal evidence have suggested the negative impact of laptops. Therefore, permission will be given to the use of laptops on a case by case basis.
Final grade totals: Three tests equal 90 points and attendance 10 points, total 100.

Each exam includes multiple-choice questions and essays. Concerns about lower grades and loss of Scholarships should be addressed with Dr. Slomovitz throughout the semester.

**Last moment grade-change requests, i.e., during finals, will not be accepted for reasons of fairness.

August 20th-Overview of course:

First test period covers from the end of the Civil War through the year 1900. Specific study topics as well as lecture-videos will also be resourced on View Vista prior to exams.

No class Monday Sept. 3rd-Labor Day

First test-Monday October 1st (Sept. 17th/26th -on video not in class)

Second test period covers the Progressive era, the Depression and concludes with World War II. Specific study topics and videos will be available on View Vista.

Second test-Monday Nov. 5th

Final exam covers the Cold War, Korea, Vietnam, 9/11 and contemporary issues.

Specific study topics will be reviewed in class and available on View Vista.

Last day of classes is Wed. Dec. 5th

Final is Wed. Dec. 12th at 1pm.

Below is the new statement on "Plagiarism and Cheating" (from Section II A of the KSU Student Code of Conduct, modified for Fall semester 2011):
No student shall receive, attempt to receive, knowingly give or attempt to give unauthorized assistance in the preparation of any work required to be submitted for credit (including examinations, laboratory reports, essays, themes, term papers, etc.). Unless specifically authorized, the presence and/or use of electronic devices during an examination, quiz, or other class assignment is considered cheating. Engaging in any behavior which a professor prohibits as academic misconduct in the syllabus or in class discussion is cheating. When direct quotations are used, they should be indicated, and when the ideas, theories, data, figures, graphs, programs, electronic based information or illustrations of someone other than the student are incorporated into a paper or used in a project, they should be duly acknowledged. No student may submit the same, or substantially the same, paper or other assignment for credit in more than one class without the prior permission of the current professor(s).

Student with Disabilities:

Students with disabilities who believe that they may need accommodations in this class are encouraged to register with “KSU disAbled Student Support Services”:

http://www.kennesaw.edu/stu_dev/dss/dss.html the office responsible for coordinating accommodations and services for students with disabilities.