This course examines the major themes of American history since 1890. Topics of focus will be:

- Strivings to fulfill the historical promise of equality and democracy, as exemplified by the civil rights, women’s, and other movements.
- Significant periods of political and social change such as the Progressive Era, New Deal, 1960s and 1970s, and the rise of the New Right.
- U.S. involvement in foreign affairs from the War of 1898 through the world wars, Cold War, and post-9/11 conflicts.

History 2112 is part of KSU’s general education program, which has five overall goals:

- Develop productive habits of mind
- Develop effective communication skills
- Expand knowledge and understanding...
- Expand creative capabilities
- Exhibit understanding of the impact of ethical and aesthetic values

Books available for purchase (both are required):


Other readings either posted on D2L or listed as links. The URL for Foner “Website” is [http://www.wwnorton.com/college/history/give-me-liberty3-brief/](http://www.wwnorton.com/college/history/give-me-liberty3-brief/).

Requirements and grading proportions:

1. Exam 1, Sept. 24 ..........................................................20%
2. Exam 2, Oct. 29 ..........................................................20%
3. Final Exam, Dec. 10.................................................25%
4. Going to the Source project........................................25%
5. Attendance/participation..........................................10%

Aug. 20: Introductions
Aug. 22: The Late Gilded Age, the Populist Challenge, and the Election of 1896

Reading to be completed for today:
- Foner Chapter 17, Sections 1-3
- GttS Chapter 3

Aug. 27: Imperialism and the Wars of 1898-1902

Reading to be completed for today:
- Foner Chapter 17, Section 4
- Website Chapter 17, Document 8: Ida B. Wells, “Consider the Facts”

Aug. 29: The Progressive Era 1

Reading to be completed for today:
- Foner 18
- Paula A. Trecker, “Lady Muckraker” (D2L)

Sept. 3: The Progressive Era 2

Reading to be completed for today:
- GttS 4 & 5
- Website 18, document 9: Conditions at the Triangle Shirtwaist Factory

Sept. 5: U.S. Foreign Policy from 1898 to 1920

Reading to be completed for today:
- Foner 19, sections 1 and 2.
- Website 19, document 1: “The World Must be Made Safe for Democracy”
- Sen. Robert LaFollette’s response to Wilson (D2L)

Sept. 10: The United States and the Great War; The Culmination of the Fight for Women’s Voting Rights

Reading to be completed for today:
- Foner 19, section 3.
- GttS 6.
- Website 18, document 1: Carrie Chapman Catt

Sept. 12: The Great War and its Aftermath

Reading to be completed for today:
- Foner 19, sections 4 & 5.

Sept. 17: The 1920s
Reading to be completed for today:
- Foner 20, sections 1, 3, & 4.
- GttS 7.
- “The Klan’s Fight for Americanism”:
  http://www.wwnorton.com/college/history/archive/resources/documents/ch26_05.htm

Sept. 19: The Coming of the Great Depression

Reading to be completed for today:
- Foner 20, section 5.
- Dorothea Lange photographs:

Sept. 24: Exam One

Sept. 26: The New Deal

Reading to be completed for today:
- Foner 21, sections 1-3.
- “Genora (Johnson) Dollinger Remembers the 1936-37 General Motors Sit-Down Strike.” http://www.historyisaweapon.com/defcon1/dollflint.html
- Website 21, document 5: “Bill Branch’s WPA Life History”

Oct. 1: The New Deal and its Legacy

Reading to be completed for today:
- Foner 21, sections 4-6.
- GttS 8.
- Steve Boisson, “When America Sent Her Own Packing” (D2L)

Oct. 3: From Isolationism to Participation in World War II

Reading to be completed for today:
- Foner 22, sections 1 & 2.
- Virginia Snow Wilkinson, “From Housewife to Shipfitter” (D2L)

Oct. 8: American Dilemmas and World War II

Reading to be completed for today:
- Foner 22, sections 3 & 4.
- GttS 9.

Oct. 10: The Devastating End of World War II

Reading to be completed for today:
• Foner 22, section 5.
• The Manhattan Project Chicago’s Franck Report (D2L)

**Oct. 15: The Early Cold War**

Reading to be completed for today:
• Foner 23, sections 1 & 2.
• Website 23, document 1: George Kennan’s “Long Telegram”
• Website 23, document 2: “The Truman Doctrine”
• The Novikov Telegram: [http://www-personal.umd.umich.edu/~ppennock/doc-Novikov.htm](http://www-personal.umd.umich.edu/~ppennock/doc-Novikov.htm)

**Oct. 17: The Cold War at Home**

Reading to be completed for today:
• Foner 23, sections 3 & 4.
• Joseph McCarthy on alleged “enemies from within”: [http://historymatters.gmu.edu/d/6456/](http://historymatters.gmu.edu/d/6456/)

**Oct. 22: The Eisenhower Era**

Reading to be completed for today:
• Foner 24, sections 1 & 2.
• Website 24, document 2: Jennifer Colton, “Why I Quit Working.”


Reading to be completed for today:
• Foner 24, sections 3 & 4.
• Website 24, Document 3: *Brown v. Board of Education*
• Website 24, Document 4: Southern Manifesto
• Rosa parks memoir (D2L)

**Oct. 29: Exam Two**

**Oct. 31: The Sixties 1**

Reading to be completed for today:
• Foner 25, sections 1&2.
• Website 25, document 1: SNCC Statement of Purpose
• John F. Kennedy’s inaugural address: http://www.presidency.ucsb.edu/ws/index.php?pid=8032
• GttS 10

Nov. 5: LBJ and the Vietnam Era

Reading to be completed for today:
• Foner 25, sections 3-5.
• Lyndon Johnson, “Why We are in Vietnam”: http://www.lbjlib.utexas.edu/johnson/archives.hom/speeches.hom/650407.asp
• GttS 11 & 12.

Nov. 7: The Rights Revolution and 1968

Reading to be completed for today:
• Foner 25, sections 6 & 7.
• Website 25, document 4: Miranda v. Arizona
• Website 25, document 5: Loving v. Virginia
• Cesar Chavez, “Plan of Delano” (D2L)
• Gloria Steinem, “Women’s Liberation Aims to Free Men Too: http://library.duke.edu/rubenstein/ascriptorium/wlm/aims/

Nov. 12: A Polarizing War and Nixon’s Rise and Fall

Reading to be completed for today:
• Foner 26, sections 1 & 2.
• Website 25, document 6: Roe v. Wade
• Website 26, document 1: Ron Ridenhour to Congress.

Nov. 14: The Rise of the New Right

Reading to be completed for today:
• Foner 26, sections 3 & 4.
• Website 26, document 4: Thurgood Marshall Dissents
• Website 26, document 6: Robert C. Ode’s Iranian Hostage Diary

Nov. 19: The Reagan Era

Reading to be completed for today:
• Foner 26, section 5.
• Stephen Kinzer, “They Will Have Flies Walking Across Their Eyeballs” (D2L)
• GttS 13

Nov. 21: The 1990s
Reading to be completed for today:
- Foner 27, all.
- Gulf War syndrome report (D2L)
- Bill Gates, “Friction-Free Capitalism” (D2L)
- Ralph Nader, “End Corporate Welfare as we Know It”: http://www.purefood.org/corpwelf.html

Nov. 26: 9/11 and its Aftermath

Reading to be completed for today:
- Foner 28, sections 1-3.
- “Fighting a ‘War on Terror’: Richard Clarke and John Yoo” (D2L)

Dec. 3: Wrap-Up

Tuesday, 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.: Final Exam