The New South (History 3311)  
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Course description: This course focuses on the American South’s social, political and economic development from 1865. Southern history after the Civil War is inevitably labeled “the New South,” and we will investigate southern history by investigating that label and its many manifestations and meanings. Course goals: Students will gain a greater knowledge and understanding of the major events and trends of post-Civil War southern history; investigate the concept of regional history; investigate concepts of race, gender, class, and ethnicity; critically examine primary sources.

Exams and Grading:  
Two essay exams during semester  40% (20% each)  
Final essay exam 30%  
Primary source interpretation assignments 30% (see separate document)

Discussion: All students should read the material prior to the assigned class period; exams will cover all assigned materials). Students will complete occasional assignments based on the historical New York Times and Atlanta Constitution, and other web-based resources. Students will divide into groups. Each group will be responsible for leading the discussion of some assigned readings in Major Problems. I will post the reading groups list after we discuss it in class. Required Books/Readings: Cooper and Terrill, The American South: A History, vol. 2, 4th edition.  
Consult the D2L calendar for daily reading assignments. In addition, the instructor will assign readings from internet sites, handouts, etc. Students are responsible for all assigned readings, videos, etc.

Selected Websites (not an exhaustive list):  
Historical New York Times and Atlanta Constitution (via Galileo)  
Reconstruction (PBS) http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/amex/reconstruction  
Fatal Flood (PBS) http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/amex/flood/index.html  
Documenting the American South http://docsouth.unc.edu  
Monkey Trial (PBS) http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/amex/monkeytrial/  
New Georgia Encyclopedia http://www.georgiaencyclopedia.org/nge/Home.jsp  
Rise and Fall of Jim Crow (PBS) http://www.pbs.org/wnet/jimcrow/  

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