History is always more alive and more interesting than fiction, because a story is the day-dream of a single man, while history is a mass-invention, the day-dream of a race.

John Dos Passos

Not to know your own past is to remain a child.

Cicero

History 2112: America To 1890
Computer # 10174
Spring 2012

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Class Meets: Tuesday/Thursday 8:00 – 9:15
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Required Materials:
David Von Drehle: Triangle
Anne Moody: Coming of Age in Mississippi
Lynda Van Devanter: Home Before Morning
John Ketwig: …and a hard rain fell

Welcome to History 2112. This syllabus will guide us this semester. Read it carefully, keep it handy and consult it often. Events beyond our control may cause the course outline to change. I will notify you of any date changes, discussion topic changes and any other issues relevant to our class.

Attendance Policy

You should attend every class. If you miss a class, it is your responsibility to obtain a copy of the notes from another student. I do not post notes so, do not ask. It is your responsibility to be on time. Students who arrive late or leave early will be counted present at my discretion.

IMPORTANT: ATTENDANCE DOES NOT GUARANTEE A PASSING GRADE.

Cell Phone Policy

All cell phones must be turned off or set to vibrate. If you must answer a call, quietly leave the room.
Plagiarism and Cheating

“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 as part of a course (including examinations, laboratory reports, essays, themes, term papers, etc.). 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” (Undergraduate Catalogue). This information and other policies and regulations are located in the current edition of the Kennesaw State University Undergraduate Catalogue.

Classroom Etiquette

Historical issues will be examined through lecture and discussion. Topics such as racism, genocide and gender-based discrimination are disturbing and controversial. Everyone is encouraged to ask questions and voice opinions UNLESS those opinions are so offensive, hurtful and inappropriate they disrupt the class and threaten our learning environment. We can learn from others if we respect each other. Maturity, civility, an open mind and a willingness to think rationally, critically and independently will be a tremendous help to you.

Grade Distribution

A= 90 – 100; B = 80 – 89; C = 70 – 79; D = 60 – 69; F = 0 – 59.

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A comprehensive final exam will be offered. This exam will cover all notes and books. The percentages will be adjusted accordingly.

Exams and Quizzes

The quiz over the U.S. Constitution and the amendments will be announced. It may be true/false, multiple choice, matching or a combination of formats. Your exams will cover lectures and book discussions. They will contain true/false, multiple choice, matching and short answer. I will show videos and they will be included on the tests.
Make-Up Quizzes/Exams

A final will be offered. If an exam is missed, you have two options. You may take the final as a makeup exam or you may take the scheduled exam when you return to class. The final will be comprehensive and will include the four books and all videos. If you miss the quiz over the U.S. Constitution and the amendments, you will be required to take a makeup quiz when you return. The questions on the makeup quiz will be different from those on the original quiz.

Book Review

You will review one of the required books. It should be no more than two (2) pages in length. I will post questions on GeorgiaVISTA to guide you in the writing of your review. If a large number of students choose the same book, I will divide you into groups and assign a book to each group.

Extra Credit

I do not give extra credit so, do not ask.

GeorgiaVISTA

You should check GeorgiaVISTA a minimum of once a week. I will post study guides, book review questions, date changes and other pertinent information on GeorgiaVISTA.

Grade Reviews

I will not discuss your grade with you on the day exams or quizzes are returned. If I have made an error or if you believe that I have not given your work a fair assessment, I will be happy to take a second look. However, the burden of proof is on you. Take time to review your answers and consider my comments. Do not tell me you deserve a higher grade because you studied hard. That did not work for me and it will not work for you. If I make an error in grading your papers, I will admit it. I expect nothing less from my students.

Office Hours

I am available to meet with you on Tuesday and Thursday evenings between 6:30 and 7:45.

Lectures

I hope topics will generate discussion. Some discussions may extend to the next class. I do not want to limit discussion because a topic is scheduled for discussion on a certain date. I will make every attempt possible to tell you the topic for each class.

SCHEDULE

Assignments, quizzes, exams and paper due dates are listed below. Lectures will be based upon your books and other sources. If you miss class, contact a classmate and ask for a copy of
his/her notes. If you want more information concerning a particular topic, go to the library and check out an American History book. Use the index in the back of the book to locate the information you are seeking. If you do not know how to use GIL, the library catalog system, speak with a librarian. The librarians are highly trained and will be happy to assist you.

January

10 Introduction/Begin Reading: Triangle

12 Lecture/Discussion

16: Martin Luther King Day

17 Lecture/Discussion

19 Lecture/Discussion

24 Lecture/Discussion

26 Lecture/Discussion

31 Lecture/Discussion

February

2 Lecture/Discussion

7 Lecture/Discussion

9 Lecture/Discussion

14 Lecture/Discussion

16 Discussion: Triangle

21 Lecture/Discussion/Quiz: U.S. Constitution & Amendments

23 Lecture/Discussion/Begin Reading: Coming of Age in Mississippi

28 Lecture/Discussion

March

1 Exam #1/Book Review Due

Spring Break March 3 – 9
12th: LAST DAY TO WITHDRAW WITHOUT ACADEMIC PENALTY

13  Lecture/Discussion

15  Discussion: Coming of Age in Mississippi
20  Lecture/Discussion: Begin Reading: Home Before Morning/...a hard rain fell

22  Discussion/Lecture

27  Lecture/Discussion

29  Lecture/Discussion

April

3   Exam #2

5   Lecture/Discussion

10  Lecture/Discussion

12  Lecture/Discussion

17  Lecture/Discussion

19  Lecture/Discussion

24  Discussion: Home Before Morning/...and a hard rain fell

26  3rd Exam

April 30th: Last Day of Classes
Final Exam: DATE/TIME TO BE ANNOUNCED