

Basic Course Information

Semester:	Fall 2016	Instructor Name:	Gilberto Reyes
Course Title & #:	History 121: Reconstruction to the Present	Email:	gilberto.reyes@imperial.edu
CRN #:	10583	Webpage (optional):	N/A
Classroom:	208	Office #:	809
Class Dates:	Aug 16, to Dec 8	Office Hours:	By Appointment
Class Days:	Tuesday & Thursday	Office Phone #:	760-355-6144
Class Times:	4:45 pm to 6:10 pm	Emergency Contact:	Send me an email, or if it is a extreme emergency please call our secretary: Elvia Camillo at 760- 355-6144.
Units:	3.0		

Important Days

- **Aug 27, Last Day to register for class**
- **Aug 28, Last Day to drop a class without a W.**
- **Nov 5, Last Day to drop a class with a W.**

Course Description

This course is a survey of American history from the end of Reconstruction to the present. This course will cover the major political, economic, social, gender, racial, cultural and intellectual transformations of the modern American eras. Of special note will be an examination of America's rise to global power. At the completion of this course, students will have a broad understanding of the most important ideas, personalities, movements, and events in the modern period.

Student Learning Outcomes

Upon course completion, the successful student will have acquired new skills, knowledge, and or attitudes as demonstrated by being able to:

1. Identify and recall key information from a historical text and/or a documentary film. (ILO1)
2. Describe the causes and/or impact of a historical event. (ILO1, ILO2)
3. Explain the significance of a historical text by the end of the course. (ILO1, ILO2)

Course Objectives

Upon satisfactory completion of the course, students will be able to identify the major events and key intellectual, cultural, social, political and economic trends in United States history since 1877, and identify and understand the significance of important

personalities and ideas in United States history since 1877. Specifically:

1. Describe the movement of Americans into the trans-Mississippi west after 1877, the development of western industries and its impact on Native peoples.
2. Describe the causes and consequences of the second industrial revolution and the rise of American corporations.
3. Discuss the main trends in American politics during the Gilded Age including issues of labor, immigration and urbanization.
4. Explain the changing social, gender and class roles and experiences in the late-19th century.
5. Describe the rise of American imperialism and its effects in the Pacific, the Caribbean and Latin America.
6. Discuss the rise of the new political ideas of Populism and Progressivism and explain the changes they brought to American political, economic and social life.
7. Explain the causes, key events and consequences of World War I.
8. Discuss the main social and cultural trends of the 1920's, including the growth of modernism and the concurrent conservatism.
9. Explain the economic situation of the 1920's and the causes of the Great Depression.
10. Discuss the programs and policies of the New Deal, both successes and failures.
11. Describe the causes of World War II, the reasons for United States involvement, the key events of the war, and its effect on the home front.
12. Discuss the causes of the Cold War and the events that led to the tensions between the U.S. and the U.S.S.R. in the post-war world.
13. Explain the policies and events of the Cold War of the 1950's, especially the Korean War, nuclear weapons, American interventionism, and Cuba.
14. Discuss the culture and society of America in the 1950's.
15. Describe the causes, key events, and successes of the black Civil Rights movement.
16. Describe the spread of civil rights activities to other groups (Chicanos, women, gays, Indians) and other areas (personal freedom, environmentalism, political action).
17. Discuss the causes, key events, and consequences of the Vietnam War.
18. Describe the post-Vietnam war domestic, foreign policies, and events.
19. Discuss the rise and success of the Conservative movement in America beginning in the 1970s.
20. Describe the end of the Cold War and the problems and opportunities facing the United States in the 21st century.

Textbooks & Other Resources or Links

Keene, Jennifer D. Cornell, Saul. O'Donnell, Edward T., Visions of America: A History of the United States, Volume 2nd Edition, Pearson, 2013. ISBN: 978-0-205-09268-0

Course Requirements and Instructional Methods

Lecture Questions Guide,

Each Lecture Question must be one page length. The first paragraph must answer the question, additionally; the second paragraph must be on your opinions about the topic.

The students will answer and turn in 8 Lecture questions for the Fall 2016 semester. Each question must be turn in a week after it has been assigned.

To get all complete points on the lecture questions I recommend to stick to the facts that we discuss in class. Your paper should be in 12-point Times New Roman format at all times. Font size and style mismatches are automatic red marks on

your paper and will result in a lower grade. You are expected to proofread your assignments before and after you print it, make sure the language and prose of your statements does three things: make sense, is grammatically correct and is in proper syntax. Deliver competent phrases that do not detract but amplify your writing, the overall language level of the paper must be on a college level.

Postcard Project: Due November, 15.

Part 1: You will choose a picture or painting, and will write two to three pages of a pretend letter. Then you will explain the historical event that is happening as if you (or someone you know) are living it.

Part 2: Write a three to four page research explaining the following: What is going on in the picture? Is there a historical event going on in the picture or drawing? When and where it was taken or drawn? Why is it important to write a letter of that picture or drawing? Do you know who are the people in the picture or drawing? In addition, do you identify with the people in the picture?

Sources: You must use at least four sources in order to get full points. Sources can be Internet articles (no wikipedia), Newspaper or magazine articles, and books. You can also use the lecture notes and *Visions of America: A History of the United States*, as a source. The sources are going to help you understand and explain what happened in the United States during the time the picture or drawing was done.

Picture or paintings must be from the *Reconstruction* (after the U.S. Civil War) to the late 1980s.

I will expect a Bibliography and citations on the sources (we will look how to make one bibliography in class).

Format: The format of the assignment can be written in MLA or Chicago Style. The letter must have at least four citations. 12 point Times New Roman format at all times.

Also when turning in the postcard-project I will like a printed copy of the picture or painting used in the assignment.

I will give you examples of how to do the assignment in class so do not worry.

Mid-Term and Final.

First part of the exam will be 15 multiple-choice questions. The questions will be based on the readings and lecture.

Second part of the exam will be a written essay. There are going to be two essay questions, you would only choose one out of the two. The essay questions would be based on the readings and lecture notes. In the essay, the student will identify important historical figures that shape the political, economic, and social life of the United States during the last decades of the 19th century and the 20th century.

You may use a pencil or lead pencil, and bring a blue book.

Out of Class Assignments: The Department of Education policy states that one (1) credit hour is the amount of student work that reasonably approximates not less than one hour of class time and two (2) hours of out-of-class time per week over the span of a semester. WASC has adopted a similar requirement.

Course Grading Based on Course Objectives

This course is graded on the following scale:

A = 100-90%, B = 89-80%, C = 79-70%, D = 69-60%, F = 59% or lower

A = 400-360, B = 359-320, C = 319-280, D = 279-240, F = 239 or lower

Grades will be based on the following percentages:

Mid Term = 25%

Mid Term = 100 Points

Final = 25 %

Final = 100 Points

Lecture Questions = 20%

Lecture Questions = 80 points

Postcard Project = 25%

Postcard Project = 100 points

Participation = 5%

Participation = 20 Points

Total of points 400

Attendance

- If you miss either, of the first two class sessions, you will be dropped and your place will be given away to another student.
- A student who fails to attend the first meeting of a class or does not complete the first mandatory activity of an online class will be dropped by the instructor as of the first official meeting of that class. Should readmission be desired, the student's status will be the same as that of any other student who desires to add a class. It is the student's responsibility to drop or officially withdraw from the class. See General Catalog for details.
- Regular attendance in all classes is expected of all students. A student whose continuous, unexcused absences exceed the number of hours the class is scheduled to meet per week may be dropped. For online courses, students who fail to complete required activities for two consecutive weeks may be considered to have excessive absences and may be dropped.
- Absences attributed to the representation of the college at officially approved events (conferences, contests, and field trips) will be counted as 'excused' absences.

Classroom Etiquette

- Electronic Devices: Cell phones and electronic devices must be turned off and put away during class, unless otherwise directed by the instructor.
- Food and Drink are prohibited in all classrooms. Water bottles with lids/caps are the only exception. Additional restrictions will apply in labs. Please comply as directed by the instructor.
- Disruptive Students: Students who disrupt or interfere with a class may be sent out of the room and told to meet with the Campus Disciplinary Officer before returning to continue with coursework. Disciplinary procedures will be followed as outlined in the General Catalog.
- Children in the classroom: Due to college rules and state laws, no one who is not enrolled in the class may attend, including children.

Online Netiquette

- What is netiquette? Netiquette is internet manners, online etiquette, and digital etiquette all rolled into one word. Basically, netiquette is a set of rules for behaving properly online.

- Students are to comply with the following rules of netiquette: (1) identify yourself, (2) include a subject line, (3) avoid sarcasm, (4) respect others' opinions and privacy, (5) acknowledge and return messages promptly, (6) copy with caution, (7) do not spam or junk mail, (8) be concise, (9) use appropriate language, (10) use appropriate emoticons (emotional icons) to help convey meaning, and (11) use appropriate intensifiers to help convey meaning [do not use ALL CAPS or multiple exclamation marks (!!!!)].

Academic Honesty

Academic honesty in the advancement of knowledge requires that all students and instructors respect the integrity of one another's work and recognize the important of acknowledging and safeguarding intellectual property.

There are many different forms of academic dishonesty. The following kinds of honesty violations and their definitions are not meant to be exhaustive. Rather, they are intended to serve as examples of unacceptable academic conduct.

- **Plagiarism** is taking and presenting as one's own the writings or ideas of others, without citing the source. You should understand the concept of plagiarism and keep it in mind when taking exams and preparing written materials. If you do not understand how to "cite a source" correctly, you must ask for help.
- **Cheating** is defined as fraud, deceit, or dishonesty in an academic assignment, or using or attempting to use materials, or assisting others in using materials that are prohibited or inappropriate in the context of the academic assignment in question.

Anyone caught cheating or plagiarizing will receive a zero (0) on the exam or assignment, and the instructor may report the incident to the Campus Disciplinary Officer, who may place related documentation in a file. Repeated acts of cheating may result in an F in the course and/or disciplinary action. Please refer to the General Catalog for more information on academic dishonesty or other misconduct. Acts of cheating include, but are not limited to, the following: (a) plagiarism; (b) copying or attempting to copy from others during an examination or on an assignment; (c) communicating test information with another person during an examination; (d) allowing others to do an assignment or portion of an assignment; (e) using a commercial term paper service.

Additional Student Services

Imperial Valley College offers various services in support of student success. The following are some of the services available for students. Please speak to your instructor about additional services which may be available.

- **Blackboard Support Site.** The Blackboard Support Site provides a variety of support channels available to students 24 hours per day.
- **Learning Services.** There are several learning labs on campus to assist students through the use of computers and tutors. Please consult your Campus Map for the Math Lab; Reading, Writing & Language Labs; and the Study Skills Center.
- **Library Services.** There is more to our library than just books. You have access to tutors in the Study Skills Center, study rooms for small groups, and online access to a wealth of resources.

Disabled Student Programs and Services (DSPS)

Any student with a documented disability who may need educational accommodations should notify the instructor or the Disabled Student Programs and Services (DSP&S) office as soon as possible. The DSP&S office is located in Building 2100, telephone 760-355-6313. Please contact them if you feel you need to be evaluated for educational accommodations.

Student Counseling and Health Services

Students have counseling and health services available, provided by the pre-paid Student Health Fee.

- **Student Health Center.** A Student Health Nurse is available on campus. In addition, Pioneers Memorial Healthcare District and El Centro Regional Center provide basic health services for students, such as first aid and care for minor illnesses. Contact the IVC Student Health Center at 760-355-6310 in Room 2109 for more information.
- **Mental Health Counseling Services.** Short-term individual, couples, family, and group therapy are provided to currently enrolled students. Contact the IVC Mental Health Counseling Services at 760-355-6196 in Room 2109 for more information.

Student Rights and Responsibilities

Students have the right to experience a positive learning environment and to due process of law. For more information regarding student rights and responsibilities, please refer to the IVC General Catalog.

Information Literacy

Imperial Valley College is dedicated to helping students skillfully discover, evaluate, and use information from all sources. The IVC Library Department provides numerous Information Literacy Tutorials to assist students in this endeavor.

Anticipated Class Schedule/Calendar

Date & Week	Activity, Assignment, and/or Topic	Pages/ Due Dates/Tests
<u>Week 1</u> Aug, 16 & 18	Syllabus and Introduction. Scars Cause by the U.S. Civil War & Expansion to the West (How the West was Lost).	
<u>Week 2</u> Aug, 23 & 25	The Gilded Age (American Society During the Late 1880s).	
<u>Week 3</u> Aug, 30, Sept, 1	Big Business in America During the late 1880s. Examples on how to do the Post-Card Project.	
<u>Week 4</u> Sept, 6 & 8	The Seeds of the American Imperial, (Envelopment into Asia & the Caribbean). Bring a copy of a picture or painting for the Post-Card Project	
<u>Week 5</u> Sept,	Expansion into Latin America, The World in 1900s to 1910s,	

13 &15	and the Role of the U.S.	
<u>Week 6</u> Sept, 20 & 22	The Progressive Era, U.S Political Affairs, and Society During the 1910s.	
<u>Week 7</u> Sept, 27 & 29	World War I, (From Isolationist to Main Participant). Women Rights to Vote	
<u>Week 8</u> Oct, 4 & 6	Jazz, Hollywood Land, and a New Style of Life (U.S. During the 1920s).	
<u>Week 9</u> Oct, 11 & 13	The Great Depression. Mid-Term Thursday Oct 13	
<u>Week 10</u> Oct, 18 & 20	A World on the Path to War (The causes of World War II). World War II in the U.S. (& racial conflicts in the U.S).	
<u>Week 11</u> Oct, 25 & 27	A World Divide By the Cold War (The Red Scare of 1950s). The Baby Boomers & American Society During 1950s (Race, Sex, & Rock & Roll).	
<u>Week 12</u> Nov, 1 & 3	Civil Rights and Social Movements (1950-1960).	
<u>Week 13</u> Nov, 8 & 10	The Times are Chancing (U.S Society During the 1960s).	
<u>Week 14</u> Nov, 15 & 17	Cesar Chavez Labor Strikes & The Chicano Movement.	Post-Card Project is Due on November 15.
Nov 22 & 24	<u>No Class</u>	
<u>Week 15</u> Nov, 29 & Dec, 1	1970s A Decade Political Turmoil. Review for Final.	

<u>Week 16</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Final on Thursday Dec 8.	
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*****Tentative, subject to change without prior notice*****