

US HISTORY SUMMER 2020

LAKE RIDGE ACADEMY

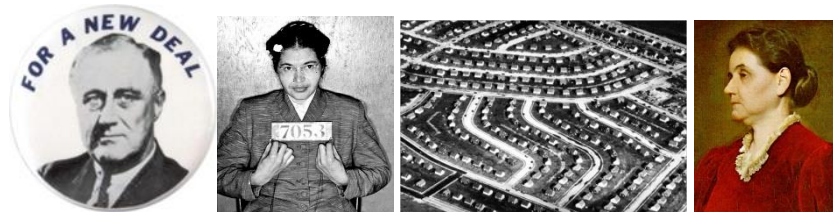
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This course is designed to streamline your study of American history. We start with a focus on the American system of government and then survey the history of the United States, focusing primarily on the twentieth century. The combination of readings, discussions, and multimedia are intended to familiarize you with the major events and figures of the period that influenced the changing social, political, economic, and cultural makeup of the country.

In teaching this class I have several important objectives. The first is to provide you with a general understanding of American politics and history in what many historians refer to as the “American Century.” A second goal of this class will be to strengthen your analytical skills as you read, listen, discuss, and write about aspects and interpretations of the past.

A final and important goal will be to demonstrate to you the importance, worth, and enjoyment of studying the history of your country.



INSTRUCTOR INFORMATION

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COURSE OBJECTIVES

Each student will:

- Have a broad knowledge of historical developments in the United States in the twentieth century.
- Understand the broad concepts of the US Constitution.
- Be familiar with the basic workings of the US system of government and the politics of the country.
- Demonstrate an understanding of historical chronology.
- Use historical data to support an argument or position.
- Interpret and apply data from original documents.

MATERIALS

All materials are provided through the website:

www.lraushistory.weebly.com

DISCUSSION AND PARTICIPATION

Your involvement in the class will be crucial to its success. The study of history has little to do with the rote memorization of dates and factoids. What is most important is the construction of arguments based on analysis and interpretation. The ability to convey these arguments verbally is crucial and I hope we will have a lively discussion of America's past.

TESTS

We will have regular quizzes that are designed to make sure you are keeping up with the reading and understanding the material. Your scores will contribute to your overall final grade in the class. There will be a mid-term and a final exam. Details of these tests will be provided in class.

ASSIGNMENTS

You will write one short-essay style paper.

GRADES

There are 1000 points available in the course. To pass the course you must:

- ✚ Accrue at least 750 points
- ✚ Complete **all** assignments

The points are divided as follows:

US Political System Quiz	50 points
Week 1 Test	150 points
Week 2 Test	100 points
Week 3 Test	100 points
Week 4 Test	100 points
Week 5 Test	100 points
Discussion	100 points
Midterm	100 points
Paper	100 points
Final	100 points
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Total:	1000 points

COURSE OUTLINE

Week 1 - JUNE 8 – JUNE 12

Prep-Reading – The American Political System – An Overview

Day 1 **THE AMERICAN POLITICAL SYSTEM**

Day 2 **THE PROGRESSIVE ERA**

Day 3 **PAPER PREPARATION**
THE GREAT DEPRESSION AND WORLD WAR II

Week 2- FRIDAY, JUNE 19

THE COLD WAR

- Complete online reading assignment in preparation for class.
- Quiz due for completion after class

WEEK 3 - Friday, June 26

THE CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT AND THE SIXTIES

- Complete online reading assignment in preparation for class.
- Quiz due for completion after class

WEEK 4- Friday, July 3

CONSERVATIVE AMERICA ASCENDANT

- Complete online reading assignment in preparation for class.
- Quiz due for completion after class

MIDTERM TEST - TO BE TAKEN ONLINE – By appointment with instructor

WEEK 5 - FRIDAY, JULY 10

FACING THE NEW MILLENNIUM

- Complete online reading assignment in preparation for class.
- Quiz due for completion after class

PAPER DUE BY CLASS

WEEK 6 - FRIDAY, JULY 17- FINAL EXAM

