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U.S. History, 1945-present hybrid summer course summer course/

Books to Be Bought

Chafe, Unfinished Journey ISBN Number 0195036995 any edition

Chafe, in Our Time ISBN Number 19508277X any edition

Barack Obama, Dreams From My Father ISBN Number 9780307383419 any edition

Work to be Done

We will analyze the major developmental trends in U.S. history in the second half of the twentieth century . Students are responsible for a takehome midterm, and a takehome final.

We will spend the last two weeks of the course working online. We will have condensed online lectures with video links and threaded discussions of the last three decades of U.S. history along with student discussions and commentaries on President Obama's pre presidential memoir, Dreams From My Father. The midterm will count 25% of the grade. Attendance and participate in the in class first four weeks of the course will count 14%. Participation in the online threaded discussions and other online activities in the last two weeks will count 25%. The takehome final will count 35%

Outline

July 9–Introduction: The Old Deal, the New Deal, and WWII–

The International Cold War Synthesis: Causes and Consequences Chafe, Journey chaps 1-3
Chafe, Our Time, pp. 1-22--Film Atomic Café

July 11 The Domestic Cold War Synthesis: “McCarthyism and McCarthy” Chafe, Journey chap 4
Chafe, Our Time pp. 37-63 Film-Hollywood Blacklist

July 16– Consumerism as “Americanism” Chafe, Journey chap 5, Chafe, Our Time pp. 65-80
Film: You Can't Get There From Here

July 18– The Civil Rights Movement and Another Kind of “Americanism” Chafe, Journey chaps 6-7, Chafe, Our Time, pp. 108-120, pp. 119-150_ takehome midterm given out
Film–No Easy Walk

July 23– The 1960s and Peace and Freedom–Chafe, Journey chaps 8-12 Chafe, Our Time pp. 81-118. 166-222 Takehome midterm given out film, Berkeley in the 1960s

July 25– Richard Nixon and “Presidential McCarthyism” Chafe, Journey chap 13 Chafe, Our Time, pp. 277-330 takehome midterm due
Film Summer of Judgment–

July 30 on line The New World Economy of the 1970s and beyond. Chafe, Journey chap 14 Chafe, Our Time, 333-354. Condensed lecture with video clips and study questions threaded discussion focusing on energy crisis and its ramifications, foreign policy, politics and economy-

August 1—Back to the Future I—The Reagan Bush I era Chafe, Journey chap 15 Chafe, Our Time, p. 355-392— Begin -- Dreams of Our Fathers —condensed lecture with video clips and study questions—threaded discussion around question—What was and what is Reaganism?— student assignment—bring short 2-4 page interview with older family member or friend about his/her memories of Reagan and Reagan’s impact on the United States

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August 6---Back to the Future II and A “New New Deal?—The rise and fall Clinton-Bush II “post cold war era/ Chafe, Journey chaps 16-17, Chafe, Our Time, pp 393-436 447-487 Continue Dreams From My Father. Condensed lecture with video clips and list of questions for final exam threaded discussion around theme: what were the causes and consequences of the September 11 attacks on U.S. economy, politics and foreign policy. Student assignment—a 2-4 –page journal entry on first memories of Barack Obama and the 2008 election—Students to add their own questions as possible final questions if they wish and choose by discussion and vote which questions will be chosen for final exam and the deadlines for submission will be discussed

August 8 Barack Obama and American History condensed lecture and threaded discussion conclude Obama memoir , part one and Obama presidency part two , points to be discussed in unit 11 final exam questions given out online and discussed. online

August 13-- Course conclusion reviewing course themes, wrapping up course, final online discussion on both course and final examination —the specific questions for the threaded discussion are list in the template unit 11

All final postings due, August 13 .

Final Exam due in Drop box August 14