





Culture of the 1960s

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Books to be Bought

Chafe, History of Our Times

Breines and Breines, Takin it to the Streets

Raskin, For the Hell of It

Echols, Scars of Sweet Paradise

Course Work

We will examine the political and popular culture of the 1960s, its place in U.S. and global history and in the United States of today. We will examine such “children of the 1960s” as Bernie Sanders and Bill and Hillary Clinton (shown above) and many others who continue to influence the U.S. politics, society and culture.

Students will complete a take-home midterm essay exam final exam. Students will be expected to attend classes, keep up with the readings, and participate in class lecture-discussion

Course Outline

Intro—January 17

Week of January 24 General Theme: Cold War Political Culture. Readings Chafe, History pp. 7-41. Breines, Streets pp. 1-11 Video, Atomic Cafe

Week of January 31-- General Theme: Domestic Anti-Communism as a Cultural Force. Readings Chafe, History, pp. 41-63, Raskin, Hell of It chaps 1-2 Video, Legacy of the Hollywood Blacklist:

Week of February 7- General Theme: The Material and Spiritual Virtues of Conformity 1950s style Readings Chafe, History pp. 64-80 Video, YouCan't Get There from Here

Week of February 14- General Theme: Civil Rights and Beginnings of a Culture of Protest. Readings Chafe, History pp. 115-150 Readings Breines Streets, pp. 13-84, Raskin, Hell of It, ch. 3, Echols., Scars, chaps 1-3 Video Color Adjustment

Week of February 21- General Theme: Women's Rights and a Developing Culture of Protest Readings Chafe, History pp. 163-205 Breines, Streets, pp. 388-459 Video, Women's Liberation

Week of February 28-- General Theme: The Student Movement and Mass Protest Readings Breines, Streets, 49-102, Chafe, History, 81-113, Echols, Scars, chap 4 Video, Berkeley in the 1960s Takehome Midterm given out

Week of March 7--- General Theme: The Beats and the Coming of a Counterculture Readings Breines, Streets pp. 229-260, Echols, Scars, chap 5, Video, The Source: The Beat Generation . Takehome Midterm due

Week of March 21-- General Theme: Drugs, Sex, Rock, and a Mass Counterculture Readings Raskin, Hell of It chaps 4-7, Echols, Scars, chaps 6-7 Video, Easy Rider- Take-home midterm due.

Week of March 28- General Theme: Vietnam as It was Seen in the 1960s. Readings ,Raskin, Hell of It, chaps 8-10, Chafe ,History pp. 233-260, Breines, Streets, pp.153-199 Video, Remember Mylai

Week of April 4 General Theme: Vietnam: Lessons and Legacy Readings, Chafe, History pp.261-271, 336-354. Breines, Streets, pp.199-226 video Vietnam After the Fire

Week of April 11 General Theme: Back to the Future: The Return of Richard Nixon Readings, Breines, Streets, pp. 287- 329, Chafe History, pp297-308 Video,

Week of April 18-- General Theme: Retreat and Fragmentation Readings: Breines, Streets, pp. 331-386 Chafe, History, pp. 277-309

Week of April 25 --General Theme: Watergate and the End of the 1960s Readings Breines, pp 465-516-33 History, pp. 300-311 Echols, Scars , chap 8, epilogue Video, A Nation of Laws?

April 30-- Conclusion: The 1960s as an Historical Period Take-home final exam given out