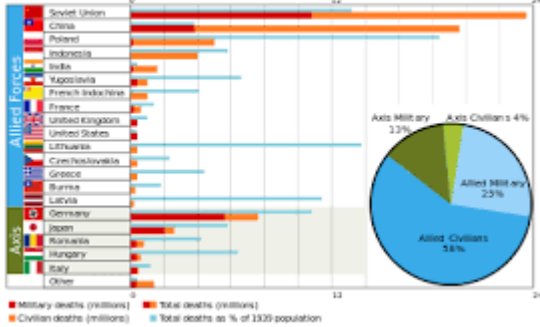


World War II Deaths





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Books to be Bought

Chambers, Tyranny of Change

Leuchtenburg, Perils of Prosperity

Leuchtenburg, New Deal

Terkel, Hard Times

Terkel, Good War

Roth, Plot Against America(optional)

Course Work

Students will be required to write a takehome midterm(essay exam) and a takehome final(essay exam). Attendance will be taken and attendance and participation will be taken into consideration on the final grades.

The course will attempt to encourage students to develop their analytical and critical skills and expand their knowledge of the content of U.S. history by looking at economic and social development and political and popular culture from the Progressive era to the end of World War

II, through a variety of traditional and non traditional sources. We will study the two greatest wars in human history and the greatest world economic crisis in modern history as they affected the United States, the most advanced industrial nation in the world in 1914 and, with the crises and conflicts we will examine, the most advanced industrial nation in the world in 1945

Course Outline

Intro -9/6/17 The Post Civil War Landscape.

Week 1 9/13/17--Chambers, Change, chaps 1-4 (Introduction) The Crisis of Industrial America
Video—Theodore Roosevelt

Week 2 9/20/17--Chambers, Change, chaps 5-7--What was “progressive” about the Progressive Era?

Week 3 9/27/17--Chambers, Change, chaps 8-9, Leuchtenburg, Perils, pp.1--83—WWI: Making the World Safe for Whom?
Video Wilson

Week 4 10/4/17--Leuchtenburg, Perils, pp. 84-203 --The 1920s: conservatives as technological revolutionaries?
Video--“City Lights”

Week 5 10/11/17-- Leuchtenburg, Perils, pp. 204-270, takehome midterm given out: The early depression: Is prosperity really around the corner?

Week 6—10/18/17--Leuchtenburg, New Deal, chaps 1-2, takehome midterm due
Video—Eleanor Roosevelt, American Experience—What was new about the early New Deal?

Week 7 10/25/17--Leuchtenburg, New Deal chaps 3-4, Terkel, Hard Times, pp. 1-103
Labor and the Rise of the New Deal coalition

Week 8 11/1/17--Leuchtenburg, New Deal chaps-5-6 Terkel, Hard Times, pp.104-270
Video—Union Maids—A different brand of Americanism

Week 9—11/8/17---Leuchtenburg, New Deal, chaps 7-8, Terkel, Hard Times, pp.285-404
The Grapes of Wrath—Recession, Stalemate, the rise of the Conservative Coalition

Week 10- 11/15/17--Leuchtenburg, New Deal, chaps 10-11, Terkel, Hard Times, pp.405-533
The New Deal: A Scorecard of hits, runs, wild pitches and errors

Week 11 11/20/17--Leuchtenburg, New Deal, chaps 9, 12, Begin Plot Against America Optional
—Fascism and the Road to WWII

Week 12 11/29//17-Terkel, Good War, 1-198, continue Plot Against America
WWII: the War to Make the World Safe for Different Brands of
Democracy: video, Foyles War segment

Week 13 14 12//6/17-Terkel, Good War, pp. 221-340, 387-469, 506-575
Video “The Home Front—War War II—America and the World

Week 14—12/13/ 17Course Conclusion The Changing The Two Americas takehome final
given out, due date announced