

HIST 3712 - United States in Crisis: 1900-1945

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Course Description

3712. United States in Crisis: 1900-1945. Covers events in the United States from 1900 through the end of World War II. Social, political and cultural history of the Progressive era, World Wars I and II, the Roaring Twenties, the Great Depression and the New Deal. 3 s.h.

Course Readings

Group	Title	Author	ISBN
COURSE READINGS			

The American Yawp, Volume II: After 1877. Stanford University Press (2022) <https://www.americanyawp.com/> [accessed July 11, 2022].

Doctorow, E.L. *Ragtime*. New York: Penguin Random House, 1975. ISBN 978081297818

Zeitz, Joshua. *Flapper: A Madcap Story of Sex, Style, Celebrity, and the Women Who Made America Modern*. New York: Penguin Random House, 2006. ISBN 9781400080540

Roth, Benjamin. *The Great Depression: A Diary*. James Ledbetter and Daniel B. Roth, editors. New York: PublicAffairs, 2009. ISBN 9781586489014

Delmont, Matthew F. *Half American: The Epic Story of African Americans Fighting World War II at Home and Abroad*. New York: Penguin Random House, 2022. ISBN 9781984880390

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Schedule of Topics and Assignments

Day	Date	Reading(s)	Proposed Topic	Due/To Prepare for Class
Tue	8/25	Introduction	Introduction	
Thu	8/27	Industrial America	Industrial America	
Tue	9/1	Progressivism and Progressive Politics	Progressivism and Progressive Politics	
Thu	9/3	African Americans and Women in the Age of Reform	African Americans and Women in the Age of Reform	
Tue	9/8	• Doctorow, E.L. <i>Ragtime</i> . New York: Penguin Random House, 1975. ISBN 978081297818	Discussion: Doctorow book	DOCTOROW PAPER DUE
Thu	9/10		The US in the Age of Imperialism	
Tue	9/15		The Great War: US Neutrality	
Thu	9/17		The Great War: 1917-1918	



Tue	9/22		The Postwar Era, 1918-1924	
Thu	9/24	FIRST EXAMINATION	FIRST EXAMINATION	FIRST EXAMINATION
Tue	9/29		Fundamentalism in the 1920s	
Thu	10/1		Modern Economics, Culture and Society	
Tue	10/6	Zeitiz, Joshua. Flapper: A Madcap Story of Sex, Style, Celebrity, and the Women Who Made America Modern. New York: Penguin Random House, 2006. ISBN 9781400080540	Discussion: Zeitiz book	ZEITZ PAPER DUE
Thu	10/8		Prohibition 1920-1933	
Tue	10/13		The Political and Economic Causes of the Great Depression	
Thu	10/15		FDR and the Depression: 1933-1934	
Tue	10/20	Roth, Benjamin. The Great Depression: A Diary. James Ledbetter and Daniel B. Roth, editors. New York: PublicAffairs, 2009. ISBN 9781586489014	Discussion: Roth book	ROTH PAPER DUE
Thu	10/22		The Permanent New Deal, 1934-1936	
Tue	10/27		Roosevelt's Second Term 1936-1939	
Thu	10/29		Radicalism and Race in the 1930s	
Tue	11/3	SECOND EXAMINATION	SECOND EXAMINATION	SECOND EXAMINATION
Thu	11/5		The United States and the World in the Interwar Era	
Tue	11/10		America and the Global Crisis, 1931-1941	
Thu	11/12		The Second World War: The Home Front	
Tue	11/17		The Second World War in Europe	
Thu	11/19	Delmont, Matthew F. Half American: The Epic Story of African Americans Fighting World War II at Home and Abroad. New York: Penguin Random House, 2022. ISBN 9781984880390	Discussion: Delmont book	DELMONT PAPER DUE
Tue	11/24		The Second World War in the Pacific	
Thu	11/26	THANKSGIVING DAY	THANKSGIVING DAY	THANKSGIVING DAY
Tue	12/1		The US as a Superpower: The Beginning of the Cold War	
Thu	12/3		The US in 1945 vs 1898	

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