

History 212-002—MW 2 pm—Section A

Dr. Andy Doyle

U.S. History Since 1877, Fall 2020

Time and Site: MW 2:00-3:15 pm; Owens 201

- **Section A will attend in-person class on Mondays only due to COVID exigencies**

CRN: 10190; three semester hours

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Office Hours: MW 7:00-8:00 pm and TR 4:00-5:00 pm, or by appointment

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Turnitin course ID: 20676087; password: Roark

LaunchPad course ID: 14515055

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- Turnitin.com

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 - I encourage you to buy a paper copy along with the online access. Please don't do this thru an online bookseller—it's way too easy to get the wrong book that way. Buy or rent it directly from MacMillan at: <https://store.macmillanlearning.com/us> Be sure you use the above ISBN.
 - You cannot buy a used copy of *The American Promise*. It will not have LaunchPad access.
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Student learning outcomes: In order to meet these goals, the course is structured to help students realize the following learning outcomes:

1) Students will synthesize information from multiple sources and write critically reasoned essays on exams (Winthrop ULCs 1 and 4, History Student Learning Outcomes (SLOs) 1, 3, and 4).

2) Students will examine the perspectives of Americans of all descriptions and evaluate the social, political, and moral choices they made, compare and contrast those choices with those of the present day, and demonstrate an understanding of the interconnected nature of the world, past and present. This will be done in exams, formal out-of-class essays, and Blackboard Discussion forums. (ULCs 1, 2, 3, and 4, History SLOs 1, 2, 3, and 4).

Measurement of learning outcomes: Learning outcomes will be measured by

- Exams consisting of essay and short answer questions. Exams will be done outside the classroom and administered on Blackboard and/or Turnitin. Full instructions will be posted on Blackboard. A week before each exam, a study guide containing terms and concepts will be posted on Blackboard and emailed to the class. An effective essay must be a critically reasoned, well-organized argument using evidence from the text and classroom.
- An 800-1000-word paper analyzing the advertisements in one issue of the *Brooklyn Daily Eagle* in 1870 and another issue of the same newspaper in 1900. Full guidelines will be posted on Blackboard and emailed to the class.
- A 1500-1700-word book review of *I Invented the Modern Age: The Rise of Henry Ford*, by Richard Snow. Full guidelines will be posted on Blackboard and emailed to the class.
- Classroom discussions will take place in the classroom and on Blackboard discussion boards by the day and time listed on the course schedule below. The Blackboard posts should be roughly 100 words in length—a brief paragraph. Both in-person and Blackboard discussion posts should demonstrate thoughtful analysis of one or more sources posted on that week's Blackboard module.
- Completion of 14 of the 16 assigned Learning Curve quizzes; these quizzes require a demonstration of students' understanding of each chapter in *The American Promise*.

Constitutional requirement: This course fulfills the constitutional requirement of the general education program by examining critically the basic design of the U. S. constitutional system, how Amendments 13, 14, and 15 changed the nature of that system, how the *Plessy* decision interpreted those amendments, how the amendments and court decisions of the Progressive era once again changed the system, the strained relationship between the Supreme Court and the New Deal program of Franklin Roosevelt, and how the Rights Revolution of the Warren Court dramatically expanded individual rights. We will discuss the ways in which constitutional interpretation has changed over the period of the course and still informs political debates in the present day, including the debate over the continuing relevance of the Federalist Papers in constitutional interpretation.

Evaluation:

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| First exam | 15% |
| Second exam | 15% |
| Final exam | 15% |
| <i>Brooklyn Daily Eagle</i> paper | 9% |
| Review essay of <i>I Invented the Modern Age</i> | 16% |
| Learning Curve quizzes | 10% |
| Participation in virtual and physical classrooms and in Blackboard forums | 20% |

Grading:

This course will be graded on a plus/minus basis. All course components will receive a number grade, but the final grade will be a letter grade and result from a weighted average of the above components. I will only give incompletes in extraordinary circumstances. According to the Winthrop's academic regulations, letter grades in Fall 2020 are assigned as follows:

Letter grading scale, Fall 2020:

A (93 and above); A-minus (90-92)
B-plus (87-89); B (83-86); B-minus (80-82)
C-plus (77-79); C (73-76); C-minus (70-72)
CR (60-69); student receives 3 hours credit; no impact on GPA
U (59 and below); student receives no credit; no impact on GPA

S/U grading scale, Fall 2020

S (70 and above); student receives 3 hours credit with no impact on GPA
U (69 and below), student receives no credit with no impact on GPA

Turnitin.com: Your *Brooklyn Eagle* paper, book review of *I Invented the Modern Age*, and your three exams must all be submitted to Turnitin.com by the date and time indicated on the syllabus. If your paper is finished on time but you have problems submitting it to Turnitin, email it to me prior to the time it is due and no late penalty will accrue. Since I will grade all papers on Turnitin, you must submit it to Turnitin or I will not grade it. If you submit a late paper to Turnitin, I will deduct 5 points for up to two days late, 10 points for three to ten days late, and 15 points after that. If you fail to submit an assignment to Turnitin by the time I calculate final grades for your class, you will receive a zero for that assignment. If you would like full instructions on the use of Turnitin, please go to turnitin.com for written and video tutorials. Alternatively, you can google your question and examine YouTube videos and third-party websites, which are often helpful. If you still can't figure it out, ask me, but my assistance may be limited due to tech issues beyond my control and/or because we're communicating online.

Attendance and participation: You must attend the virtual classes on Blackboard Collaborate on the days and times indicated on the course schedule below. You will usually attend two virtual classes per week during these times. When we begin meeting in person, you will be in Section A, and you will meet on Mondays. Your first meeting will be on Monday, September 14, and we will meet every Monday

thereafter until Thanksgiving, as denoted in the syllabus. Do not attend an in-person session on a Wednesday. If you do this, I will have no choice but to ask you to leave.

I will do a limited amount of lecturing. **Prior to class for that week**, read the relevant chapter in Roark, finish the Learning Curve quiz for that chapter, review the content on Blackboard and complete the discussion posts and other assignments for that week before class on Monday, unless otherwise noted in the syllabus.

Your contribution to class discussions in both virtual and classroom formats is a required portion of the class. This includes asking questions, raising relevant issues, disagreeing with my interpretation of a subject, or any other aspect of a discussion. This is your course, and you can improve the learning experience for yourself and others by contributing to the class. I encourage contributions from all of you, but I will also call on people who don't volunteer.

I strongly encourage you to attend each virtual and in-person class. Regular attendance is crucial; missing one class here is like missing an entire week in a 100% in-person course. I will deduct one point from this portion of your grade for each unexcused absence. Arriving late is a problem for me and your classmates, and do not leave early unless you have an emergency or you have cleared this with me in advance. Do either more than once, and points will be deducted.

Engaging your classmates in conversation or otherwise disrupting class will not be tolerated and will adversely affect this portion of your grade. This includes the unauthorized use of electronics. Per the policy of the College of Arts and Sciences, **the use of phones, laptops, or any other electronic device in the classroom is prohibited unless I approve it.**

Class listserv: You are responsible for any information distributed via the course email listserv. If you have an active winthrop.edu email account, you should be automatically included in the listserv. If you registered late or for any other reason are not included on the listserv, you must self-subscribe at <http://www.winthrop.edu/technology/default.aspx?id=7081>. I can neither add nor remove a name from the listserv; you must do this yourself.

Academic misconduct (a.k.a. cheating): Any student caught cheating, which includes plagiarism, will automatically receive a zero on that assignment, plus an additional five-point deduction from your final average. The use of a phone or other electronic device during an exam constitutes cheating.

Plagiarism, or the unattributed use of the **words or ideas of another author**, constitutes cheating. Never cut and paste material from another source and then change a few words around. This is plagiarism. Never take the ideas of another author pass them off as your own. This is plagiarism as well. If you didn't know a fact or idea going in to an assignment, document where you got it. Turnitin is good at catching plagiarism, and if you think you've found ways of beating Turnitin, please know that Google and I are better than Turnitin. **Deterrence** of cheating is best for everyone, so I emphasize this now in order to prevent larger problems later. Do not find out the hard way. The relevant portion of the Student

Handbook is here: (<https://www.winthrop.edu/uploadedFiles/studentconduct/StudentConductCode.pdf>). If you have any questions about this, please do not hesitate to ask.

Students with disabilities: If you have a disability and need specific accommodations, please go to the Office of Accessibility website at <https://www.winthrop.edu/hcs/about-accessibility.aspx>, or call them at 323-3290. Once you have your official notice of accommodations, please contact me as soon as possible.

Tutoring services at the Academic Success Center: The ASC is located on the first floor of Dinkins, Suite 106. Please contact the ASC at 803-323-3929 or success@winthrop.edu. For more information on ASC services, please visit www.winthrop.edu/success. To utilize ASC Peer Tutoring during the 2020-2021 semester, students must enroll in and complete the Tutee Seminar on Blackboard. A two minute video on how to enroll so can be found on the bottom of the www.winthrop.edu/asc webpage.

Excused absences and makeup exams: These will be granted only for a documented illness, the illness or death of a member of your family, or in other extraordinary circumstances. Please submit documentation of your illness or other reason for absence as soon as possible and no later than when you return to class.

Syllabus Change Policy: I will make every effort to adhere closely to the syllabus, but circumstances may require a deviation from policies or schedule. This is especially true this semester given the unprecedented nature of what we're doing. I will inform students in class, on Blackboard, and via email regarding any changes. If changes are made to the syllabus, I will post the new version on Blackboard and send it via the listserv. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to ask.

Course Schedule: MW 2:00, Section A

Before September 14 and after November 23, we will meet virtually on Blackboard Collaborate every Monday and Wednesday. Attendance at virtual in in person classes is a course requirement. This section meets in Owens 201 every Monday, beginning September 14 and ending on November 16. You must wear a mask in the classroom.

Week 1: Introduction and course requirements; The Gilded Age I

- Class Meeting: Wednesday August 26 at 2pm on Blackboard Collaborate
- Textbook reading: Roark, Chapter 18
- Learning Curve quiz on Chapter 18 due by Monday, August 31 at 1:50 pm
- Blackboard assignments due by Monday, August 31 at 1:50 pm

Week 2: Gilded Age II: Urban Growth and Immigration

- Virtual Class Meetings: both Monday, August 31 at 2pm AND Wednesday, September 2 at 2pm on Blackboard Collaborate
- Textbook reading: Roark, Chapter 19
- Learning Curve quiz on Chapter 19 due by Wednesday September 2 at 1:50 pm
- Blackboard assignments due by Wednesday, September 2 at 1:50 pm

Week 3: Gilded Age III: The Tumultuous 1890s

- Virtual Class Meeting: Monday, September 7 at 2pm on Blackboard Collaborate
- Textbook reading: Roark, Chapter 20
- Learning Curve quiz on Chapter 20 due by Monday September 7 at 1:50 pm
- **Brooklyn Daily Eagle essay due to Turnitin by Friday, September 11 at midnight**

Week 4: The Progressive Era

- Class Meeting in person, Owens 201: Monday, September 14
 - All class meetings between September 14 and November 23 are in person
- Textbook reading: Roark, Chapter 21
- Learning Curve quiz on Chapter 21 due by Monday September 14 at 1:50 pm
- Blackboard assignments due by Monday, September 14 at 1:50 pm
- Extra credit Learning Curve quizzes Chapter 16 and 17 due by Sunday, September 20 at midnight

Week 5: Progressive Era, cont'd; Exam 1

- Class meeting in person, Monday September 21
- Blackboard assignments are due by Monday, September 21 at 1:50
- **Exam 1 is due to Turnitin by Friday, September 25 at midnight**

Week 6: The Spanish American War and Imperial Expansion; World War I

- Class meeting in person, Monday, September 28
- Textbook reading: Roark, pp. 595-604 and Chapter 22
- Learning Curve quiz on Chapter 22 due on Monday, September 28 at 1:50
- Blackboard assignments due on Monday, September 28 at 1:50

Week 7: The 1920s

- Class meeting in person, Monday, October 5
- Textbook reading: Roark, Chapter 23
- Learning Curve quiz on Chapter 23 due on Monday, October 5 at 1:50
- Blackboard assignments due on Monday, October 5 at 1:50
- **Book Review of *I Invented the Modern Age* due to Turnitin by Friday, October 9 at midnight**

Week 8: The Great Depression and the New Deal

- Class meeting in person, Monday, October 12
- Textbook reading: Roark, Chapter 24
- Learning Curve quiz on Chapter 24 due on Monday, October 12 at 1:50
- Blackboard assignments due on Monday, October 12 at 1:50

Week 9: World War II

- Class meeting in person, Monday, October 19
- Textbook reading: Roark, Chapter 25
- Learning Curve quiz on Chapter 25 due on Monday, October 19 at 1:50
- Blackboard assignments due on Monday, October 19 at 1:50

Week 10: Exam 2

- Class meeting in person, Monday, October 26
- Blackboard assignments due by Monday, October 26 at 1:50
- **Exam 2 is due to Turnitin by Friday, October 30 at midnight**

Week 11: The Cold War

- Class meeting in person, Monday, November 2
- Textbook reading: Roark, Chapter 26
- Learning Curve quiz on Chapter 26 due on Monday, November 2 at 1:50
- Blackboard assignments due on Monday, November 2 at 1:50

Week 12: Postwar Society and Culture

- Class meeting in person, Monday, November 9
- Textbook reading: Roark, Chapter 27
- Learning Curve quizzes on Chapter 27 due on Monday, November 9 at 1:50
- Blackboard assignments due on Monday, November 9 at 1:50

Week 13: Civil Rights and the 1960s

- Class meeting in person, Monday, November 16
- Textbook reading: Roark, Chapter 28
- Learning Curve quiz on Chapter 28 due on Monday, November 16 at 1:50
- Blackboard assignments due on Monday, November 16 at 1:50

Week 14: Vietnam, Watergate, and American Disillusionment

- Virtual class meeting, Monday, November 23
- Textbook reading: Roark, Chapter 29
- Learning Curve quiz on Chapter 29 due on Monday, November 23 at 1:50
- Blackboard assignments due on Monday, November 23 at 1:50

Week 15: The Reagan Era and the End of the Cold War

- Virtual class meeting on Monday, November 30 and Wednesday December 2
- Textbook reading: Roark, Chapter 30
- Learning Curve quiz on Chapter 30 due on Monday, November 30 at 1:50
- Blackboard assignments due on Monday, November 30 at 1:50
- Final Learning Curve Quiz on Chapter 31 due on Friday, December 4

Final Exam due to Turnitin by Wednesday, December 9 at midnight

History 212-002—MW 2 pm—Section B

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Student learning outcomes: In order to meet these goals, the course is structured to help students realize the following learning outcomes:

1) Students will synthesize information from multiple sources and write critically reasoned essays on exams (Winthrop ULCs 1 and 4, History Student Learning Outcomes (SLOs) 1, 3, and 4).

2) Students will examine the perspectives of Americans of all descriptions and evaluate the social, political, and moral choices they made, compare and contrast those choices with those of the present day, and demonstrate an understanding of the interconnected nature of the world, past and present. This will be done in exams, formal out-of-class essays, and Blackboard Discussion forums. (ULCs 1, 2, 3, and 4, History SLOs 1, 2, 3, and 4).

Measurement of learning outcomes: Learning outcomes will be measured by

- Exams consisting of essay and short answer questions. Exams will be done outside the classroom and administered on Blackboard and/or Turnitin. Full instructions will be posted on Blackboard. A week before each exam, a study guide containing terms and concepts will be posted on Blackboard and emailed to the class. An effective essay must be a critically reasoned, well-organized argument using evidence from the text and classroom.
- An 800-1000-word paper analyzing the advertisements in one issue of the *Brooklyn Daily Eagle* in 1870 and another issue of the same newspaper in 1900. Full guidelines will be posted on Blackboard and emailed to the class.
- A 1500-1700-word book review of *I Invented the Modern Age: The Rise of Henry Ford*, by Richard Snow. Full guidelines will be posted on Blackboard and emailed to the class.
- Classroom discussions will take place in the classroom and on Blackboard discussion boards by the day and time listed on the course schedule below. The Blackboard posts should be roughly 100 words in length—a brief paragraph. Both in-person and Blackboard discussion posts should demonstrate thoughtful analysis of one or more sources posted on that week's Blackboard module.
- Completion of 14 of the 16 assigned Learning Curve quizzes; these quizzes require a demonstration of students' understanding of each chapter in *The American Promise*.

Constitutional requirement: This course fulfills the constitutional requirement of the general education program by examining critically the basic design of the U. S. constitutional system, how Amendments 13, 14, and 15 changed the nature of that system, how the *Plessy* decision interpreted those amendments, how the amendments and court decisions of the Progressive era once again changed the system, the strained relationship between the Supreme Court and the New Deal program of Franklin Roosevelt, and how the Rights Revolution of the Warren Court dramatically expanded individual rights. We will discuss the ways in which constitutional interpretation has changed over the period of the course and still informs political debates in the present day, including the debate over the continuing relevance of the Federalist Papers in constitutional interpretation.

Evaluation:

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| First exam | 15% |
| Second exam | 15% |
| Final exam | 15% |
| <i>Brooklyn Daily Eagle</i> paper | 9% |
| Review essay of <i>I Invented the Modern Age</i> | 16% |
| Learning Curve quizzes | 10% |
| Participation in virtual and physical classrooms and in Blackboard forums | 20% |

Grading:

This course will be graded on a plus/minus basis. All course components will receive a number grade, but the final grade will be a letter grade and result from a weighted average of the above components. I will only give incompletes in extraordinary circumstances. According to the Winthrop's academic regulations, letter grades in Fall 2020 are assigned as follows:

Letter grading scale, Fall 2020:

A (93 and above); A-minus (90-92)
B-plus (87-89); B (83-86); B-minus (80-82)
C-plus (77-79); C (73-76); C-minus (70-72)
CR (60-69); student receives 3 hours credit; no impact on GPA
U (59 and below); student receives no credit; no impact on GPA

S/U grading scale, Fall 2020

S (70 and above); student receives 3 hours credit with no impact on GPA
U (69 and below), student receives no credit with no impact on GPA

Turnitin.com: Your *Brooklyn Eagle* paper, book review of *I Invented the Modern Age*, and your exams must all be submitted to Turnitin.com by the date and time indicated on the syllabus. If your paper is finished on time but you have problems submitting it to Turnitin, email it to me prior to the time it is due and no late penalty will accrue. Since I will grade all papers on Turnitin, you must submit it to Turnitin or I will not grade it. If you submit a late paper to Turnitin, I will deduct 5 points for up to two days late, 10 points for three to ten days late, and 15 points after that. If you fail to submit an assignment to Turnitin by the time I calculate final grades for your class, you will receive a zero for that assignment. If you would like full instructions on the use of Turnitin, please go to turnitin.com for written and video tutorials. Alternatively, you can google your question and examine YouTube videos and third-party websites, which are often helpful. If you still can't figure it out, ask me, but my assistance may be limited due to tech issues beyond my control and/or because we're communicating online.

Attendance and participation: You must attend the virtual classes on Blackboard Collaborate on the days and times indicated on the course schedule below. You will usually attend two virtual classes per week during these times. When we begin meeting in person, you will be in Section B, and you will meet on Wednesdays. Your first in-person meeting will be on Wednesday, September 8, and we will meet

every Wednesday thereafter until Thanksgiving, as denoted in the syllabus. Do not attend an in-person session on a Monday. If you do this, I will have no choice but to ask you to leave.

I will do a limited amount of lecturing. **Prior to class for that week**, read the relevant chapter in Roark, finish the Learning Curve quiz for that chapter, review the content on Blackboard and complete the discussion posts and other assignments for that week before class on Wednesday, unless otherwise noted in the syllabus.

Your contribution to class discussions in both virtual and classroom formats is a required portion of the class. This includes asking questions, raising relevant issues, disagreeing with my interpretation of a subject, or any other aspect of a discussion. This is your course, and you can improve the learning experience for yourself and others by contributing to the class. I encourage contributions from all of you, but I will also call on people who don't volunteer.

I strongly encourage you to attend each virtual and in-person class. Regular attendance is crucial; missing one class here is like missing an entire week in a 100% in-person course. I will deduct one point from this portion of your grade for each unexcused absence. Arriving late is a problem for me and your classmates, and do not leave early unless you have an emergency or you have cleared this with me in advance. Do either more than once, and points will be deducted.

Engaging your classmates in conversation or otherwise disrupting class will not be tolerated and will adversely affect this portion of your grade. This includes the unauthorized use of electronics. Per the policy of the College of Arts and Sciences, **the use of phones, laptops, or any other electronic device in the classroom is prohibited unless I approve it.**

Class listserv: You are responsible for any information distributed via the course email listserv. If you have an active winthrop.edu email account, you should be automatically included in the listserv. If you registered late or for any other reason are not included on the listserv, you must self-subscribe at <http://www.winthrop.edu/technology/default.aspx?id=7081>. I can neither add nor remove a name from the listserv; you must do this yourself.

Academic misconduct (a.k.a. cheating): Any student caught cheating, which includes plagiarism, will automatically receive a zero on that assignment, plus an additional five-point deduction from your final average. The use of a phone or other electronic device during an exam constitutes cheating.

Plagiarism, or the unattributed use of the **words or ideas of another author**, constitutes cheating. Never cut and paste material from another source and then change a few words around. This is plagiarism. Never take the ideas of another author pass them off as your own. This is plagiarism as well. If you didn't know a fact or idea going in to an assignment, document where you got it. Turnitin is good at catching plagiarism, and if you think you've found ways of beating Turnitin, please know that Google and I are better than Turnitin. **Deterrence** of cheating is best for everyone, so I emphasize this now in order to prevent larger problems later. Do not find out the hard way. The relevant portion of the Student

Handbook is here: (<https://www.winthrop.edu/uploadedFiles/studentconduct/StudentConductCode.pdf>). If you have any questions about this, please do not hesitate to ask.

Students with disabilities: If you have a disability and need specific accommodations, please go to the Office of Accessibility website at <https://www.winthrop.edu/hcs/about-accessibility.aspx>, or call them at 323-3290. Once you have your official notice of accommodations, please contact me as soon as possible.

Tutoring services at the Academic Success Center: The ASC is located on the first floor of Dinkins, Suite 106. Please contact the ASC at 803-323-3929 or success@winthrop.edu. For more information on ASC services, please visit www.winthrop.edu/success. To utilize ASC Peer Tutoring during the 2020-2021 semester, students must enroll in and complete the Tutee Seminar on Blackboard. A two minute video on how to enroll so can be found on the bottom of the www.winthrop.edu/asc webpage.

Excused absences and makeup exams: These will be granted only for a documented illness, the illness or death of a member of your family, or in other extraordinary circumstances. Please submit documentation of your illness or other reason for absence as soon as possible and no later than when you return to class.

Syllabus Change Policy: I will make every effort to adhere closely to the syllabus, but circumstances may require a deviation from policies or schedule. This is especially true this semester given the unprecedented nature of what we're doing. I will inform students in class, on Blackboard, and via email regarding any changes. If changes are made to the syllabus, I will post the new version on Blackboard and send it via the listserv. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to ask.

Course Schedule: MW 2:00, Section B

Before September 14 and after November 23, we will meet virtually on Blackboard Collaborate every Monday and Wednesday. After we return to campus, classroom attendance is a course requirement. This section will meet in Owens 201 every Wednesday, beginning September 14 and ending on November 23. Masks must be worn at all times in the classroom.

Week 1: Introduction and course requirements; The Gilded Age I

- Class Meeting: Wednesday August 26 at 2pm on Blackboard Collaborate
- Textbook reading: Roark, Chapter 18
- Learning Curve quiz on Chapter 18 due by Monday, August 31 at 1:50 pm
- Blackboard assignments due by Monday, August 31 at 5 pm

Week 2: Gilded Age II: Urban Growth and Immigration

- Virtual Class Meetings: both Monday, August 31 at 2pm AND Wednesday, September 2 at 2pm on Blackboard Collaborate
- Textbook reading: Roark, Chapter 19
- Learning Curve quiz on Chapter 19 due by Wednesday September 2 at 1:50 pm
- Blackboard assignments due by Wednesday, September 2 at 1:50 pm

Week 3: Gilded Age III: The Tumultuous 1890s

- Virtual Class Meeting: Monday, September 7 at 2pm on Blackboard Collaborate
- Class meeting in person, Owens 201: Wednesday, September 9
 - All class meetings between September 8 and November 23 are in person
- Textbook reading: Roark, Chapter 20
- Learning Curve quiz on Chapter 20 due by Wednesday September 9 at 1:50 pm
- **Brooklyn Daily Eagle essay due to Turnitin by Friday, September 11 at midnight**

Week 4: The Progressive Era

- Class meeting in person, Owens 201: Wednesday, September 16
- Textbook reading: Roark, Chapter 21
- Learning Curve quiz on Chapter 21 due by Wednesday, September 16 at 1:50 pm
- Blackboard assignments due by Wednesday, September 16 at 1:50 pm
- Extra credit Learning Curve quizzes on Chapters 16 and 17 due by Friday, September 18 at midnight

Week 5: Progressive Era, cont'd; Exam 1

- Class meeting in person, Wednesday, September 23
- Blackboard assignments are due by Wednesday, September 23 at 1:50
- **Exam 1 is due to Turnitin by Thursday, September 24 at midnight**

Week 6: The Spanish American War and Imperial Expansion; World War I

- Class meeting in person, Owens 201, Wednesday, September 30
- Textbook reading: Roark, pp. 595-604 and Chapter 22
- Learning Curve quiz on Chapter 22 due on Wednesday, September 30 at 1:50
- Blackboard assignments due on Wednesday, September 30 at 1:50

Week 7: The 1920s

- Class meeting in person, Wednesday, October 7
- Textbook reading: Roark, Chapter 23
- Learning Curve quiz on Chapter 23 due on Wednesday, October 7 at 1:50
- Blackboard assignments due on Wednesday, October 7 at 1:50
- **Book Review of *I Invented the Modern Age* due to Turnitin by Friday, October 9 at midnight**

Week 8: The Great Depression and the New Deal

- Class meeting in person, Wednesday, October 14
- Textbook reading: Roark, Chapter 24
- Learning Curve quiz on Chapter 24 due on Wednesday, October 14 at 1:50
- Blackboard assignments due on Wednesday, October 14 at 1:50

Week 9: World War II

- Class meeting in person, Wednesday, October 21
- Textbook reading: Roark, Chapter 25
- Learning Curve quiz on Chapter 25 due on Wednesday, October 21 at 1:50
- Blackboard assignments due on Wednesday, October 21 at 1:50

Week 10: Exam 2

- Class meeting in person, Wednesday, October 28
- Blackboard assignments due by Wednesday, October 28 at 1:50
- **Exam 2 is due to Turnitin by Friday, October 30 at midnight**

Week 11: The Cold War

- Class meeting in person, Wednesday, November 4
- Textbook reading: Roark, Chapter 26
- Learning Curve quiz on Chapter 26 due on Wednesday, November 4 at 1:50
- Blackboard assignments due on Wednesday, November 4 at 1:50

Week 12: Postwar Society and Culture

- Class meeting in person, Wednesday, November 11
- Textbook reading: Roark, Chapter 27
- Learning Curve quizzes on Chapter 27 due on Wednesday, November 11 at 1:50
- Blackboard assignments due on Wednesday, November 11 at 1:50

Week 13: Civil Rights and the 1960s

- Class meeting in person, Wednesday, November 18
- Textbook reading: Roark, Chapter 28
- Learning Curve quiz on Chapter 28 due on Wednesday, November 18 at 1:50
- Blackboard assignments due on Wednesday, November 18 at 1:50

Week 14: Vietnam, Watergate, and American Disillusionment

- Virtual class meeting, Monday, November 21
- Textbook reading: Roark, Chapter 29
- Learning Curve quiz on Chapter 29 due on Monday, November 23 at 1:50
- Blackboard assignments due on Monday, November 21 at 1:50

Week 15: The Reagan Era and the End of the Cold War

- Virtual class meetings on BOTH Monday, November 30 and Wednesday December 2
- Textbook reading: Roark, Chapter 30
- Learning Curve quiz on Chapter 30 due on Monday, November 30 at 1:50
- Blackboard assignments due on Monday, November 30 at 1:50
- Final Learning Curve Quiz on Chapter 31 due on Friday, December 4

Final Exam due to Turnitin by Wednesday, December 9 at midnight