

**SOUTH PLAINS COLLEGE DUAL CREDIT & KPA SPRING '26
SEMESTER HISTORY 1302.328 MR. WEST COURSE SYLLABUS**

HISTORY OF THE U.S. FROM 1877 to the Present

Required Text: Land of Hope: An Invitation to the Great American Story. Wilfred M. McClay

Scripture: Daniel 2:21. "It is He who changes the times and epochs: He removes kings and establishes kings; He gives wisdom to wise men and knowledge to men of understanding."

Course Purpose: To acquaint students with the panorama of American history, and to promote critical thinking in interrelating the past to the present. The course promotes an understanding of a body of knowledge that any American citizen should possess about the history of his own country.

Course Description: This course is a survey of American history which is intended to help the student to become a responsible citizen of the United States by instilling a sense of pride in our nation and gaining a deeper understanding of the core principles of the founding fathers. These will also include the virtues of courage, honor, moderation, and prudence; examples of which can be seen in our founding fathers.

Course Requirements:

1. There will be 9 basic grades, 4-7 intermediate grades, and 2-4 major grades given in each of the four parts of the course.
2. We will have short writing assignments analyzing primary source documents.
3. You will have outside readings covering the various topics in U.S. history.
4. You will read the textbook.
5. We will have quizzes over the readings, lectures, presentations, and the textbook.
6. WE will have discussions over the reading materials and the assigned textbook.
7. We will have exams covering the four segments of the course.
8. Homework: Homework will consist of short reading and writing assignments
9. Grading: We will have exams over the four segments of the course at a rate of one or two exams per segment. Exams may consist of 20-30 questions: Multiple choices, True-False, and Matching. There will be six short answer questions, answer three. There will be two essay questions, answer only one. Exams will count 45% of the class grade. Quizzes will count 35% of the class grade. Homework/Discussion/Daily Work will count 20% of the class grade. Homework is due on the date assigned. Points will be deducted for each day late. Short writing assignments are completed in class and counted as a daily grade.
10. Course Outline:
 - Part One. August- October: 11. Review of Reconstruction 12. A Nation Transformed. 13. Becoming a World Power.
 - Part Two. October – December: The Progressive Era to the 1920s: 14 The Progressive Era. 15 Woodrow Wilson and the Great War. 16: From Boom to Bust
 - Part Three. January – March. Depression to Cold War: 17 The New Deal. 18. The Finest Hour 19. All Thoughts and Things Were Split
 - Part Four. March – May. 9. The 1960s to the Present: 20 Out of Balance. 21 Fall and Restoration. 22. The World Since the Cold War
11. Final Exams. The final is comprehensive.
12. You are expected to follow the rules and guidelines as set forth by South Plains College and the KPA Student Code of Conduct.

