

# Survey American History since 1865

Department of History

## College of Prothro-Yeager College of Humanities and Social Sciences

# HIST 1233-204

MWF: 9:00-9:50 A.M. (Zoom Live)

# Spring 2021

## Contact Information

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**Office hours**: Tuesdays and Thursdays (2:00-4:30 P.M.) Due to COVID-19, I will be having virtual office hours via Zoom. Each week’s office hours Zoom links are posted on D2L in “Office Hours Zoom Links.”

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## Course Description

The instructor has designed this course first and foremost with the intention of providing her students with a basic understanding of the themes and events that dominated the American past since the Civil War. For obvious reasons, she has not designed the course to be in anyway comprehensive, but rather foundational. It is a course from which further exploration of this nation’s history may be launched. In addition to providing students with a broad knowledge of US History, the course will help students critically analyze historical events. The course design also includes interpretive techniques in an effort to help students better understand what it is that historians do.

## Required Book

\*Eric Foner, *Give Me Liberty! An American History* 6th ed., vol. 2

**Synchronous Zoom (Live)**

Rather than meeting face-to-face in the classroom, this course will meet via zoom at 9:00 A.M. on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. Here are the instructions on how to access the links to the zoom meetings: (1) On the MSU Texas Homepage, click on Login in the top left corner (2) On the drop down menu, click D2L (3) Log in using your username and password (4) Click on the 9-block square at the top of the page (5) Find our class—HIST 1233-204 Survey American History Since 1865—and click on it (6) You should then be on our class dashboard (7) Click on “Communication” (8) On the drop down menu, scroll down until you see “Zoom” and click on it (9) A link to each class day should be visible (10) When it is time for virtual class, click on the appropriately dated zoom link.

## Attendance

\*In order to be counted present, you must log-in to our zoom links each Monday, Wednesday, and Friday.

\*If you have more than 4 unexcused absences, you will be dropped from the class.

## Student Handbook

Refer to: <https://msutexas.edu/student-life/_assets/files/handbook.pdf>

## Academic Misconduct Policy & Procedures

Academic Dishonesty: Cheating, collusion, and plagiarism (the act of using source material of other persons, either published or unpublished, without following the accepted techniques of crediting, or the submission for credit of work not the individual’s to whom credit is given). Additional guidelines on procedures in these matters may be found in the Office of Student Conduct.

## Grading

| Assignments | Points |
| --- | --- |
| Weekly Quizzes | 25% |
| Movie Assignment #1 | 15% |
| Movie Assignment #2 | 15% |
| Midterm | 20% |
| Final | 25% |

Table 2: Total points for final grade.

| Grade | Points |
| --- | --- |
| A | 90-100 |
| B | 80-89 |
| C | 70-79 |
| D | 60-69 |
| F | 0-59 |

## Exams

\*This course includes two exams, a midterm and a final, both of which will consist of 50 multiple choice questions.

\*Students will take both the **midterm** and the **final** exam on D2L.

\*Here are the instructions to take the midterm and final:

1.Log onto D2L

2.Click on the 9-block square at the top of the page and find our class. Click on it.

3.Once you are on our classroom dashboard, click on “Assessments” near the top of the page.

4.Under the drop-down list, click on “Tests.” You will see “Midterm” and “Final.”

5.On the scheduled date, click on the arrow next to either “Midterm” or “Final.” Once you begin, you will have 105 minutes to complete the Midterm and 120 minutes to complete the Final.

\*Study guides are posted on D2L.

## Weekly Quizzes

\*There will be 14 weekly quizzes (based on the *Give Me Liberty* textbook). Students must take the quizzes on Fridays by 11:30 P.M.

Here are the instructions

1.Log onto D2L

2.Click on the 9-block square at the top of the page and find our class. Click on it.

3.Once you are on our classroom dashboard, click on “Assessments” near the top of the page.

4.Under the drop-down list, click on “Tests.” You will see all the quizzes.

5.To take a specific quiz, click on the arrow next to it. Students will have 20 minutes to complete each quiz once they begin testing. Each question is worth 10 points.

\*It is strongly recommended to pay close attention to the syllabus. The dates of each quiz are noted.

## Movie Assignments

\*Students are expected to write two 5-6-page essays, one on *The Untouchables* (1987) and one on *Primary Colors* (1998). Further instructions can be found on our class dashboard on D2L. Click on “Content,” and then click on “Movie Assignment Instructions.” In your essay, you must answer each of the questions asked.

\*The essays must be typed, in 12-point font, Times New Roman and double spaced. The margins should be 1 inch on the top and bottom and 1.25 on the left and right. Submit your movie assignments via D2L. On our D2L class dashboard, click on “Assessments.” Then click on “Assignments.” You should see “The Untouchables” and “Primary Colors.” You must submit by 11:30 P.M. on the scheduled due dates. Note, D2L uses Turnitin to check for plagiarism.

## Extra Credit

\*No extra credit assignments will be accepted, but bonus points may be offered for attending instructor-specified events on campus.

## Make Up Work/Tests

Both exams and all the quizzes are available on D2L. If you fail to take an exam or quiz by the given deadline, you must provide a legitimate reason as to why if you expect to make it up. Forgetting is not a legitimate excuse.

**Midterm Progress Report**

In order to help students keep track of their progress toward course objectives, the instructor for this class will provide a Midterm Progress Report through each student’s WebWorld account. All students will receive this midterm progress report. Midterm grades will not be reported on the students’ transcript, nor will they be calculated in the cumulative GPA. They simply give students an idea of where they stand at the midpoint of the semester. Students earning below a C at the midway point should schedule a meeting with the instructor.

**Office Hours**

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, rather than visiting the instructor’s office, please use the open Zoom links on D2L. I will be available via Zoom every Tuesday and Thursday from 2:00-4:30 P.M. If these times aren’t convenient, I am also available for Zoom appointments.

**Email**

\*Please send all emails to this email address: [whitney.snow@msutexas.edu](mailto:whitney.snow@msutexas.edu)

## Important Dates

Last day for term schedule changes:January 11-13

Deadline to file for May graduation: February 15

Last Day to drop with a grade of “W:” April 23

Refer to: [Drops, Withdrawals & Void](https://mwsu.edu/student-life/development/learning/index)

## Desire-to-Learn (D2L)

Extensive use of the MSU D2L program is a part of this course. Each student is expected to be familiar with this program as it provides a primary source of communication regarding assignments, examination materials, and general course information. You can log into [D2L](https://d2l.mwsu.edu/) through the MSU Homepage. If you experience difficulties, please contact the technicians listed for the program or contact your instructor.

## Instructor’s In-Class Policies

\*Attendance requires more than just logging in. It means showing up prepared; contributing to class discussions; and exhibiting respect for classmates and the instructor.

\*Cell phones should be on silent and put away during class.

## Services for Students With Disabilities

In accordance with Section 504 of the Federal Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, Midwestern State University endeavors to make reasonable accommodations to ensure equal opportunity for qualified persons with disabilities to participate in all educational, social, and recreational programs and activities. After notification of acceptance, students requiring accommodations should make application for such assistance through Disability Support Services, located in the Clark Student Center, Room 168, (940) 397-4140. Current documentation of a disability will be required in order to provide appropriate services, and each request will be individually reviewed. For more details, please go to [Disability Support Services](http://www.mwsu.edu/student-life/disability).

## College Policies

### Campus Carry Rules/Policies

Refer to: [Campus Carry Rules and Policies](https://mwsu.edu/campus-carry/rules-policies)

## Notice

Changes in the course syllabus, procedure, assignments, and schedule may be made at the discretion of the instructor.

## Course Schedule

| Week or Module | Readings and other Assignments |
| --- | --- |
| **Week 1**  Jan 11 (Mon)  Jan 13 (Wed)  Jan 15 (Fri) | Foner, Chapter 15  **Quiz #1** (take via D2L by 11:30 P.M. on January 15) |
| **Week 2**  Jan 18 (Mon)  Jan 20 (Wed)  Jan 22 (Fri) | **Martin Luther King, Jr. Day**  Foner, Chapter 16  **Quiz #2** (take via D2L by 11:30 P.M. on January 22) |
| **Week 3**  Jan 25 (Mon)  Jan 27 (Wed)  Jan 29 (Fri) | Foner, Chapter 17  **Quiz #3** (take via D2L by 11:30 P.M. on January 29) |
| **Week 4**  Feb 1 (Mon)  Feb 3 (Wed)  Feb 5 (Fri) | Foner, Chapter 18  **Quiz #4** (take via D2L by 11:30 P.M. on February 5) |
| **Week 5**  Feb 8 (Mon) Feb 10 (Wed)  Feb 12 (Fri) | Foner, Chapter 19  *Iron Jawed Angels*  **Quiz #5** (take via D2L by 11:30 P.M. on February 12) |
| **Week 6**  Feb 15 (Mon)  Feb 17 (Wed)  Feb 19 (Fri) | Foner, Chapter 20  **The Untouchables Due** (upload to D2L by 11:30 P.M. on February 17)  **Quiz #6** (take via D2L by 11:30 P.M. on February 19) |
| **Week 7**  Feb 22 (Mon)  Feb 24 (Wed)  Feb 26 (Fri) | Foner, Chapter 21  **Midterm** (take via D2L by 11:30 P.M. on Feb. 24)  **Quiz #7** (take via D2L by 11:30 P.M. on February 26) |
| **Week 8**  March 1 (Mon)  March 3 (Wed)  March 5 (Fri) | Foner, Chapter 22  **Quiz #8** (take via D2L by 11:30 P.M. on March 5) |
| **Week 9**  March 8 (Mon) March 10 (Wed)  March 12 (Fri) | Foner, Chapter 23  **Quiz #9** (take via D2L by 11:30 P.M. on March 12) |
| **Week 10**  March 15 (Mon)  March 17 (Wed)  March 19 (Fri) | Foner, Chapter 24  **Quiz #10** (take via D2L by 11:30 P.M. on March 19) |
| **Week 11**  March 22 (Mon)  March 24 (Wed)  March 26 (Fri) | Foner, Chapter 25  **Primary Colors due** (upload to D2L by 11:30 P.M. on March 24); **Quiz #11** (take via D2L by 11:30 P.M. on March 26) |
| **Week 12**  March 29 (Mon)  March 31 (Wed)  April 2 (Fri) | *Ghosts of Mississippi*  **Holiday Break** |
| **Week 13**  April 5 (Mon)  April 7 (Wed)  April 9 (Fri) | Foner, Chapter 26  **Quiz #12** (take via D2L by 11:30 P.M. on April 9) |
| **Week 14**  April 12 (Mon)  April 14 (Wed)  April 16 (Fri) | Foner, Chapter 27  **Quiz #13** (take via D2L by 11:30 P.M. on April 16) |
| **Week 15**  April 19 (Mon)  April 21 (Wed)  April 23 (Fri) | Foner, Chapter 28  **Quiz #14** (take via D2L by 11:30 P.M. on April 23) |

**Final Exam**: April 26 (take via D2L)