



**History 1302.121C5  
United States History II  
Summer 2025  
Monday-Friday 10:00 AM to 11:50 AM LRC Bldg #8 Room 255**

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**Required Textbook/Materials: <https://www.americanyawp.com/>**

**Course Description:** A survey of the social, political, economic, cultural, and intellectual history of the United States from the Civil War/Reconstruction era to the present. United States History II examines industrialization, immigration, world wars, the Great Depression, Cold War and post-Cold War eras. Themes that may be addressed in United States History II include American culture, religion, civil and human rights, technological change, economic change, immigration and migration, urbanization and suburbanization, the expansion of the federal government and the study of U.S. foreign policy. Prerequisite: TSIA2 945-990 ELAR/CRC test AND 5 or higher on Essay OR 910-944 on CRC with 5-6 on Diagnostic Test + 5 or higher on Essay, or [IRW 0320](#) with a grade of "C" or better.

**Course requirements:** This is a course that requires the student to attend lectures. Each lecture contains material that is not available in the textbook, material that the student is responsible for and will be tested upon, therefore it is essential that students make a concerted effort to attend class. If a student is absent from class, they are responsible for acquiring the lecture notes from a classmate. Rigorous note taking and studying of lecture notes is mandatory if the student is to succeed in the class. In addition to attending lectures, students are expected to read the textbook assignments.

**Determination of Course Grade/Detailed Grading Formula:**

**Exams:**

**The student will take three exams throughout the semester. Each exam will cover the lectures, class discussions, and textbook. The class will be broken into three major segments or themes and each theme will address a specific main point that discusses and highlights the events, people, movements, etc in history. Each exam completes a segment of history and no exam is cumulative. These themes or ideas will be emphasized and**

elaborated on strengthening what role they play in American History as the country evolves politically, socially, economically, and militarily. The first 2 exams will contain 40 multiple choice questions worth 2.5 points each and the final exam will be 50 multiple choice questions worth 2 points each. Each exam is separate from the other 2 and no exam is cumulative. Total points for each exam is 100 points.

Historical Thought Paper: There are 3 topics in 1302 the student can choose to do containing 2-3 pages. The topics are: 1) significance/importance of the Foreign Policies that involved the US in the late 1800s; 2) significance/importance of World War 1; 3) significance/importance of Cold War. This is not a research paper, but more of a thought/analytical/perspective paper over 1 of the 3 topics. More information will be made in class for the students.

**The Thought Paper is due on Brightspace at 11:59 pm on Friday August 1, 2025. No Late Work Accepted.**

### **History Book Analytical Assignment:**

I am going to assign a book to read that is both appropriate for the time period of this 1302 class and length of pages and scope so you won't be over-whelmed and risk the chance of getting behind or lost. The book I will have you read – either as a digital copy online (there are various places to read it on line for free or to buy, or a copy of the physical version) is the *Diary of Anne Frank*.

Once you have read the book, you will write up a 2-3 page Analytical Paper fully analyzing it from your own cognitive and analytical input, thinking and understanding. The format is simple and will abide to the principle of encouraging the student to fully engross and immerse into the book or author's main central ideals and overall purpose. The format to use and follow is as follows: 12 Point Font, Times New Roman, Double Spaced and is worth a 100 points.

The student will read the book and work on understanding the topic and purpose analytically and most importantly attempt or infer on the historical moments and place to the context of the time, period, place, people, events, etc. In roughly 2-3 pages, the student will pull from the book what they have chosen to find a theme or an overall arching arc of the chapters and content that pushes them to think critically and analytically about the book.

This can be done in several paragraphs that capitalizes and comments on the entire scope of the book.

A purposeful guide in these paragraphs could be included in their papers that touch on the authors beginning chapters, middle chapters, and final chapters that complete and compliment the message of the author. The student could also approach the book from the perspective on picking out 1 or 2 very common and useful points that creates a theme that is used throughout with the intent of explaining and highlighting while strengthening it as

it relates to the time period, event, movement, etc. There is no right or wrong way to analyze and write a 2-3 paper for this assignment as long as the student immerses themselves into the book and focuses on the content, its proper historical context and to critically think beyond the normal and typical level rather than typing up a summation or quick overview of the book with no thought, understanding and grasp.

The assignment if it falls into the 2-3 page range will include at least and up to 5-7 paragraphs with the hope and aspiration for the student to push themselves and challenge their critical and analytical skills that far exceed what they have done before or that is different from a book report, review or a research paper. If a student has questions, confused or needs some help in understanding the assignment better, needs clarification I encourage them to ask, reach out and stay on top of the assignment and requirements. Most importantly is for them to be creative, critical and analytical in their approach, book, and paper when its completed and ready to turn in. If you have any questions please don't hesitate and email me.

**The History Book Analytical Assignment is due on Friday August 1, 2025 on Brightspace at 11:59 PM. No late work accepted.**

### **Responsibility Paper Assignment**

Students will pick a person or movement that fits into the time period of HIST 1302— U.S. History from 1877. Students look for a person or movement that fits into the major area that you are studying.

**Arts & Humanities**

**Business and Industry**

**Health, Human and Consumer Science and Public Safety**

**STEM**

There are many interesting people/movements that fit into these major areas. Find a person or movement that interests you

Students will write a two-page typed paper on the Social and Personal Responsibility of the person/or persons involved in the movement.

The student must include a paragraph in their paper specifically discussing the social and personal responsibility of the individuals involved. Students will use primary and secondary sources for their paper.

Example: Harry Truman's decision to drop the Atomic bomb, what are the consequences of this action? What personal responsibility and social responsibility does he have and how does it influence those around him.

Paper format: 12 pnt Times New Roman font, double spaced

**Covers: Critical Thinking, Social Responsibility, Personal Responsibility, Communication**

Personal Responsibility is the idea that human beings **choose, instigate, or otherwise cause their own actions**. A corollary idea is that because we cause our actions, we can be held morally accountable or legally liable.

Social responsibility is an ethical framework and suggests that an individual has an obligation to work and cooperate with other individuals and organizations for the benefit of society at large

**Must use 3 sources, no textbooks. At least 1 primary source**

**Responsibility Paper Assignment is due on Brightspace on Friday August 1, 2025. No late work accepted.**

**Detailed Grading Formula:  
Grading Policy:**

<b>Your grade will be determined by the following</b>	<b>Details</b>	<b>Points (if applicable)</b>	<b>Percent of Final Average</b>
Exams	3 Exams each worth 100 pts. each	300	
<b>Responsibility Paper</b>	<b>1 Responsibility Paper worth 100 points</b>	100	
Historical Book Assignment	1 Books Assignment Paper worth 100 points	100	
<b>Historical Thought Paper</b>	1 2-3 page paper over 1 of 3 topics	100	
Total:		600	100%

**Grading Scale:**

The chart given below explains how the final grades will be computed.

To receive an A	600-537 points
To receive an B	536-477 points
To receive an C	476-417 points
To receive an D	416-357 points
To receive an F	Less than 356 points

**Late Work, Make-Up, and Extra-Credit Policy:**

Extra-Credit Policy: No extra work given.

**Make-Up: Make-up Exams:** All make-up exams will be taken at the Testing Center within 1 week when the test was originally given. You will need to make an appointment at the Testing Center and will take it there and be given the 90 minutes to complete it and inform the instructor that a date/time has been set up at the testing center so that I can drop it off for those students to make it up there on their scheduled time and date.

**Attendance Policy:** The nature of this course is such that one should attend all scheduled sessions. There is a clear and direct correlation between attendance and success in the classroom, therefore regular attendance is strongly urged. However, in the event of illness or extenuating circumstances, it is the student's responsibility to acquire the lecture from a

classmate. In addition, keep in mind certain assignments have a 1 week grace period to make up and some have no grace period. On the other hand, the Analytical Paper, or the Presentation can't be made up. Any assignments not made up in the allotted time frame will be recorded as a 0 and the others that can't be made up will be a 0 as well.

**Communicating with your instructor:** ALL electronic communication with the instructor must be through your COM email. Due to FERPA restrictions, faculty cannot share any information about performance in the class through other electronic means. (Faculty may add additional statement requiring monitoring and communication expectations via D2L or other LMS)

<b>Student Learner Outcome</b>	<b>Maps to Core Objective</b>	<b>Assessed via this Assignment</b>
1. Create an argument through the use of historical evidence.	Critical Thinking Skills (CT)	Paper
2. Analyze and interpret primary and secondary sources.	Critical Thinking Skills (CT)	Paper
3. Analyze the effects of historical, social, political, economic, cultural, and global forces on this period of United States history.	Critical Thinking Skills (CT)	Exams
4. Develop, interpret, and express ideas on a History 1302-related topic through written communication.	Communication Skills (CS1)	Paper
5. Develop, interpret, and express ideas on a History 1302-related topic through oral communication.	Communication Skills (CS2)	Paper
6. Students will demonstrate intercultural competence, knowledge of civic responsibility, and the ability to engage effectively in regional, national, and global communities.	Social Responsibility (SR)	Paper

7. Evaluate choices and actions of others or one's own, and relate consequences to decision-making.	Personal Responsibility (PR)	Paper
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**Academic Dishonesty:** Any incident of academic policy will be dealt with in accordance with college policy and the Student Handbook. Academic dishonesty – such as cheating on exams is an extremely serious offense and will result in a **grade of zero** on that exam and the student will be referred to the Office of Student Conduct for the appropriate discipline action.

**Student Concerns:** If you have any questions or concerns about any aspect of this course, please contact me using the contact information previously provided. If, after discussing your concern with me, you continue to have questions, please contact Department Chair, Shinya Wakao at 409-933-8107 or [swakao@com.edu](mailto:swakao@com.edu).

**Course outline:**

	Activities and Assignment
July 7	<b>INTRODUCTION TO CLASS</b> WILD WEST – BUSINESS AND LIFE
July 8	WILD WEST – NATIVE AMERICANS AND ENTERTAINMENT GILDED AGE
July 9	PRESIDENTS DEATH OF GARFIELD PRESIDENTS 1881-1892 HAWAII
July 10	SPANISH AMERICAN WAR PANAMA CANAL BUILT TEDDY ROOSEVELT FOREIGN POLICY
July 11	OPEN DOOR POLICY WITH CHINA BOXER REBELLION PRE-WW1 POWERS
July 14	FED RESERVE BANK RISE OF CITY – TYCOONS AND INFRASTRUCTURE
July 15	THE PROGRESSIVE LABOR UNIONS FORMED
July 16	<b>EXAM 1</b>

JULY 17	GERMANY UNITED PRE-WORLD WAR 1 WORLD WAR 1 BREAKS OUT WORLD WAR 1: THE WAR WORLD WAR 1: THREAT TO U.S.
JULY 18	WORLD WAR 1 PART 1 -- U.S. DECLARES WAR WORLD WAR 1 PART 2 – AMERICA ENTERS THE WAR WORLD OF WAR 1: END OF WAR
JULY 21	TREATY OF VERSAILLES EUROPE AFTER WW1 GERMANY
JULY 22	1920s GREAT DEPRESSION GREAT DEPRESSION/DUST BOWL VIDEOS
JULY 23	RISE OF FASCISM/NAZISM
JULY 24	RISE OF FASCISM/NAZISM FASCISM/NAZISM VIDEOS NAZISM WORLD WAR 2: HITLER ON THE MOVE WORLD WAR 2: EUROPE THEATRE PART 1 – EARLY WAR YEARS
JULY 25	WORLD WAR 2: WAR BREAKS OUT WORLD WAR 2: EASTERN FRONT/WESTERN FRONT WORLD WAR 2: PART 3 -- ITALY FALLS WORLD WAR 2: EUROPE THEATRE PART 4 – GERMANY FALLS
JULY 28	WORLD WAR 2: PACIFIC THEATRE PART 5 -- JAPAN FALLS THE HOLOCAUST THE HOLOCAUST: HOLOCAUST VIDEOS
JULY 29	<b>EXAM # 2</b>
JULY 30	COLD WAR COLD WAR: FOREIGN FRONT COLD WAR: EUROPE COLD WAR: CHINA COLD WAR: KOREAN WAR COLD WAR: SPACE RACE ELECTION OF 1952 AND 1956

JULY 31	<p>COLD WAR: DOMESTIC FRONT  COLD WAR: RED SCARE  CIVIL RIGHTS OF 1950s: ROSA PARKS  CIVIL RIGHTS OF 1950s: VIDEOS  CIVIL RIGHTS OF 1950s: LINDA BROWN  CIVIL RIGHTS OF 1950s: LITTLE ROCK HIGH  CIVIL RIGHTS OF 1950s: MLK  CIVIL RIGHTS OF 1960s: WOOLWORTH LUNCH COUNTER SIT INS</p>
AUGUST 1	<p><b>HISTORICAL THOUGHT PAPER DUE BRIGHTSPACE AT 11:59 PM</b>  <b>ANNE FRANK PAPER DUE BRIGHTSPACE AT 11:59 PM</b>  <b>PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY PAPER DUE BRIGHTSPACE AT 11:59 PM</b>  ELECTION OF 1960  JFK PRESIDENCY: CUBA, RUSSIA, VIETNAM  Bay of Pigs Invasion  Cuba Missile Crisis</p>
AUGUST 4	<p>J.F.K. KILLED  ELECTION OF 1964  JOHNSON AND VIETNAM WAR: FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE –  J WILLIAM FULBRIGHT</p>
AUGUST 5	<p>VIETNAM WAR  VIETNAM VIDEOS  THE COUNTER CULTURE  THE COUNTER CULTURE VIDEOS</p>
AUGUST 6	<p>MARTIN LUTHER KING KILLED: VIDEO  BOBBY KENNEDY KILLED: VIDEO CLIPS  ELECTION OF 1968  NIXON AS PRESIDENT</p>
AUGUST 7	<p>WATERGATE SCANDAL: VIDEO  Nixon's Resignation  FORD'S PRESIDENCY  CARTER'S PRESIDENCY: HIGH GAS PRICE; IRAN HOSTAGE SITUATION  ELECTION OF 1980  Reagan as President  END OF THE COLD WAR: FALL OF THE BERLIN WALL</p>
AUGUST 8	<p><b>Final Exam</b></p>

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## Institutional Policies and Guidelines

**Grade Appeal Process:** Concerns about the accuracy of grades should first be discussed with the instructor. A request for a change of grade is a formal request and must be made within six months of the grade assignment. Directions for filing an appeal can be found in the student handbook [https://www.com.edu/student-services/docs/Student Handbook 2024-2025 v2.pdf](https://www.com.edu/student-services/docs/Student_Handbook_2024-2025_v2.pdf). *An appeal will not be considered because of general dissatisfaction with a grade, penalty, or outcome of a course. Disagreement with the instructor's professional judgment of the quality of the student's work and performance is also not an admissible basis for a grade appeal.*

**Academic Success & Support Services:** College of the Mainland is committed to providing students the necessary support and tools for success in their college careers. Support is offered through our Tutoring Services, Library, Counseling, and through Student Services. Please discuss any concerns with your faculty or an advisor.

**ADA Statement:** Any student with a documented disability needing academic accommodations is requested to contact:

Kimberly Lachney, Student Accessibility Services Coordinator

Phone: 409-933-8919

Email: [AccessibilityServices@com.edu](mailto:AccessibilityServices@com.edu)

Location: COM Doyle Family Administration Building, Student Success Center

**Textbook Purchasing Statement:** A student attending College of the Mainland is not under any obligation to purchase a textbook from the college-affiliated bookstore. The same textbook may also be available from an independent retailer, including an online retailer.

**Withdrawal Policy:** Students may withdraw from this course for any reason prior to the last eligible day for a "W" grade. Before withdrawing students should speak with the instructor and consult an advisor. Students are permitted to withdraw only six times during their college career by state law. The last date to withdraw from the 2<sup>nd</sup> 5-week session is August 1.

**FN Grading:** The FN grade is issued in cases of *failure due to a lack of attendance*, as determined by the instructor. The FN grade may be issued for cases in which the student ceases or fails to attend class, submit assignments, or participate in required capacities, and for which the student has failed to withdraw. The issuing of the FN grade is at the discretion of the instructor. The last date of attendance should be documented for submission of an FN grade.

**Early Alert Program:** The Student Success Center at College of the Mainland has implemented an Early Alert Program because student success and retention are very important to us. I have been asked to refer students to the program throughout the semester if they are having difficulty completing assignments or have poor attendance. If you are referred to the Early Alert Program you

will be contacted by someone in the Student Success Center who will schedule a meeting with you to see what assistance they can offer in order for you to meet your academic goals.

**Resources to Help with Stress:**

If you are experiencing stress or anxiety about your daily living needs including food, housing or just feel you could benefit from free resources to help you through a difficult time, please click here <https://www.com.edu/community-resource-center/>. College of the Mainland has partnered with free community resources to help you stay on track with your schoolwork, by addressing life issues that get in the way of doing your best in school. All services are private and confidential. You may also contact the Dean of Students office at [deanofstudents@com.edu](mailto:deanofstudents@com.edu) or [communityresources@com.edu](mailto:communityresources@com.edu).

**Nondiscrimination Statement:**

The College District prohibits discrimination, including harassment, against any individual on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, age, veteran status, disability, sex, sexual orientation, gender (including gender identity and gender expression), or any other basis prohibited by law. Retaliation against anyone involved in the complaint process is a violation of College District policy.