

AP United States History

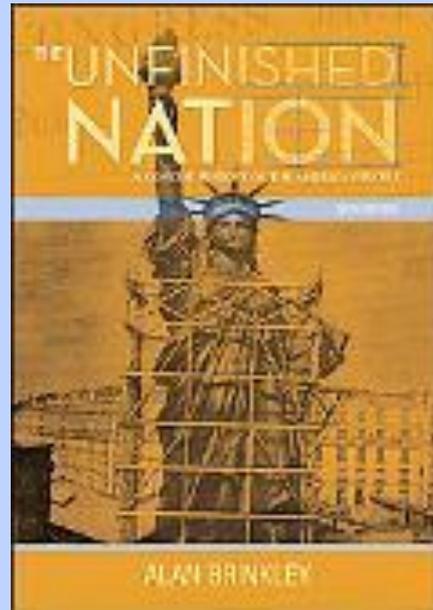
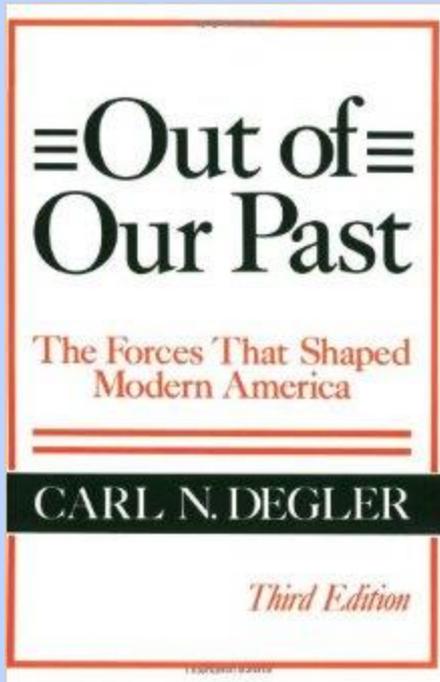
The hardest class you'll ever love!

- This college course – with intense reading expectations – has an analytical text written at the 16th grade level
- **Activities & Projects**
 - Document-based essays
 - Student-led seminars
 - Focused analytical reading
 - Primary source research
- **How can this course help me?**

Learning to read complicated historical argument prepares students for graduate school in law, business or medicine (and for college entrance exams!)



Time Management and Commitment



- 7-10 hrs/wk
- Attendance issues
- Student responsibility

- Feb 15 ** Brinkley 17: Industrial Supremacy
Rise of Big Bus. (A/V)
- Feb 18 NO SCHOOL
- Feb 19 Degler 9: Machines, Men and Socialism (due Mon. Feb 25, 2013)
- Feb 20* Degler 9: Machines, Men and Socialism
Thesis Paper step 2 due
- Feb 21 Degler 9: Machines, Men and Socialism
- Feb 22 Richard Hofstadter: Social Darwinism in American Thought
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- Feb 25 Degler 9 due
Andrew Carnegie: The Gospel of Wealth, 1889 in class
- Feb 26 William Graham Sumner: The Absurd Effort to Make the World
Over, 1894
- Feb 27 ** Brinkley 16.2-4: The Conquest of the Far West
- Feb 28 ** Brinkley 18: The Age of the City
- Mar 1 NO SCHOOL
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- Mar 4 Brinkley Immigration (Brinkley 10.1, 10.4, 16.1, 17.3.1, 18.1,
20.5, 22.3, pp.763, 871-2)
Thesis Paper steps 3 & 4 due
- Mar 5 Degler 10 (Out of Many, One): read all and look up vocab
Wheeler & Becker 3: Middle Class Life, 1870-1917 in class
- Mar 6* Seminar: Immigration, Jacoby & Buchanan
- Mar 7 Degler 10 in-class essay (no theses, vocab or diagrams due)
- Mar 8 Objective Test: Degler 9 & 10, Brinkley 16-18+, articles and seminar
Lecture introduction to Populism and Progressivism

What students need to be able to do to succeed in this course

- Reading
- Writing
- Speaking
- Reasoning

How to prepare over the summer

Read the newspaper or news & commentary aggregators to improve structure of thought and discussion participation

- www.nytimes.com
- www.chicagotribune.com
- www.aldaily.com
- www.realclearpolitics.com/editorials

Read fiction to improve sentence structure and vocabulary

- Aim for one book per week
- Use DGS or DGN summer reading lists for any grade

We do not recommend reading our course texts early