

PROVISIONAL

HISTORY 331

Dr. McDougall's Office Hours:

Fall 2007 ***TENTATIVE***

Tu 2--4, 317B College, 898-2185

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AMERICAN DIPLOMATIC HISTORY SINCE 1776

Sep. 6 What's Bred in the Bone: The Spirits and Traditions of American Foreign Relations

Reading: LaFeber, prefaces & chap. 1; McDougall, Introduction.

Sep. 11 Exceptionalist Rhetoric, Hard-ball Diplomacy: The Rebellion and War of Independence, 1763-89

Sep. 13 Challenges to Unilateralism: The United States in a World At War,

1789-1815

Reading: LaFeber, chap. 2; McDougall, chaps. 1-2.

Sep. 18 NO CLASS MCDUGALL MUST ATTEND LIBRARY OF CONGRESS COUNCIL

Sep. 20 John Quincy Adams' American System: Origins of the Monroe Doctrine, 1815-30

Reading: LaFeber, chap. 3; McDougall, chaps. 3-4.

Sep. 25 Manifest Destiny in Theory and Practice: James K. Polk, Oregon, and the Mexican War, 1835-48

Sep. 27 Pacific Ocean Ambitions, but a House Divided: Sectionalism and Foreign Policy, 1819-60

Reading: LaFeber, chaps. 4-5.

Oct. 2 William Henry Seward, Civil War Strategy, and the Alaska Purchase, 1861-68

Oct. 4 The First Overseas Crusade: The Spanish-American-Filipino War, 1898-1902

Reading: LaFeber, chaps. 6-7; McDougall, chap. 5.

FIRST TAKE-HOME ESSAY DUE IN LECTURE, THURSDAY 4 OCTOBER

Oct. 9 Progressive Imperialism: Gunboat and Dollar Diplomacy in Latin America and Asia, 1900-14

Oct. 11 Too Proud to Fight: the Great War and the Roots of Wilsonianism, 1914-18

Reading: LaFeber, chaps. 8-9; Kennan, chaps 1-2.

Oct. 16 NO CLASS FALL BREAK

Oct. 18 An American in Paris: the Failure of Wilsonian Peacemaking, 1919-20

Reading: LaFeber, chap.10; McDougall, chap. 6; Link, entire.

Oct. 23 Enemy on the Left: Wilson, Lenin, and the Russian Civil War, 1918-21

Oct. 25 Republican Internationalism: Charles Evans Hughes Fixes East Asia

and Europe, 1921-29

Reading: LaFeber, chap. 11; Kennan, chaps. 3-4.

Oct. 30 FDR the Isolationist: the Great Depression and America's Flight Into Neutralism, 1930-37

Nov. 1 FDR the Reluctant Belligerent: the United States in a World At War, 1937-41

Reading: LaFeber, chap. 12; Divine (entire).

Nov. 6 FDR the Pragmatic Wilsonian: America in the Grand Alliance, 1941-45

Nov. 8 Descent Into the Maelstrom: Truman, Stalin, and the Birth of Containment, 1946-50

Reading: LaFeber, chaps. 13-14; McDougall, chap. 7;

Kennan, chap. 5.

Nov. 13 The Pit and the Pendulum: How Historians Have Debated the Origins

of the Cold War

Nov. 15 Masque of the Red Death: the Korean War, the Alliances, and the Nuclear Arms Race, 1950-59

Reading: LaFeber, chaps. 15-16; May, pp. 1-107, 130-171.

Nov. 20 Devil in the Belfry: Sputnik, the Third World, and Total Cold War, 1957-64

Nov. 22 NO CLASS THANKSGIVING

Reading: LaFeber, chap. 17; Kennan, pp. 107-28.

Nov. 27 Imp of the Perverse: the "Best and Brightest" Make the Vietnam War 1965-68

Nov. 29 Premature Burial: The Achievement and Anguish of Richard M. Nixon

1969-74

Reading: LaFeber, chap. 18; McDougall, chap. 8.

SECOND TAKE-HOME ESSAY DUE IN LECTURE, THURSDAY 29 NOVEMBER

Dec. 4 The Power of Words: Carter, Reagan, and the Strange Death of the Soviet Bloc 1976-91

Dec. 6 The Tell-Tale Heart: Globalization and Blowback, 1991-2007

Reading: LaFeber, chaps. 19-20; McDougall, Conclusion.

Dec. xx FINAL EXAMINATION

REQUIRED PURCHASES (Penn Book Center, 34th & Sansom)

Robert A. Divine, *The Reluctant Belligerent*, 2 ed. (McGraw Hill)

George F. Kennan, *American Diplomacy*, expanded ed. (University of Chicago)

Walter LaFeber, *The American Age*, 2d ed. (W. W. Norton)

Arthur Link, Woodrow Wilson: Revolution, War, and Peace (Harlan Davidson)
Ernest May, ed., NSC 68. America's Cold War Strategy (St. Martin's)
Walter A. McDougall, Promised Land, Crusader State (Houghton Mifflin)