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Course: American History 2: Since 1877
Course Code: UCJAJNP039
Dates: 21/02/2024 – 21/05/2024
Day: Wednesdays, 14:45-16:20

General Description:

Using history as a foundation, we will explore the politics, religion, economics, law, ideologies, attitudes, cultures, traditions, and “constructs” in the United States since 1877 in an attempt to identify and understand key American characteristics.

General Topics:

The West
The Gilded Age and the Progressive Era
The Roaring '20s and the Great Depression
World War II and the Start of the Cold War
The Lives of the Baby Boomers
America Polarized
The Obama and Trump Presidencies

Required Readings:

1. Documents posted on IS.
2. Read *The Jungle* by Upton Sinclair.
3. Watch *Meet Me in St. Louis* (1944).

Optional Readings:

It would benefit you greatly to read a general American history textbook, such as Alan Brinkley's *The Unfinished Nation*.

Grading:

Mid-term exam: 25%
Final exam: 50%
Class Participation: 25%

Cheating:

The use of a cheat sheet (tahák) or electronic device during an exam will earn you an automatic F on that exam.