

20th Century African-American History

(Spring 2007)

Syllabus

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Office Hours: 467 SSB, Tuesday 2:15-3:15

Class: Peterson 102 • 3:30 to 5:00

The only required text for this course is the The African-American Odyssey: Volume II (Chapters 12-24). The required assignment for that day appears under that day. Hence you should have read pp. 314 – 331 for April 5th.

APRIL

Reconstruction

3 Introduction: Sankofa

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5 Reconstruction: Democracy Deferred

- 314 – 331

The Nadir

10 American Caste: Segregation & Lynching ; Nina Simone • Strange Fruit

- Docs 15-2; 15-3; 14-3
- 346 - 352

12 Slavery Renewed? Sharecropping & Convict Labor • Leadbelly; Stagolee; J. Henry

- Doc 13-5
- 356 - 362

Progressive Era

17 Voices in the Darkness: DuBois; Washington; Marcus Garvey

- *Docs 15-1; 16-1; 17-2*
- 366 – 371; 397 – 404 to “Black Women & the Club Movement”; 436 - 441

19 The Problem with Democracy: Populism; Wages; Teddy; Woodrow Wilson; FDR; Riots; Communism Flirtation

- *Docs 14 – 5; 17 - 1*
- 341-344; 409 “Presidential Politics”; 414 – 418; 470-477

Twenties & Urbanization

24 The Roaring Twenties: Blues; Jazz; Jack Johnson; Harlem Renaissance: Sociology; settlement house – distinguishing the black & immigrant; charitable institutions;

- *Docs 17 - 7*
- 371 – 375 “Red Versus Black”; 387 – 388 “Sports”; 404 – 405 “Black Women to Women’s Suffrage”; 419 – 424; 444 - 453

26 The Dilemma of Black Patriotism: Tuskegee Airmen; Abernathy’s March on Washington; Phillipines Soldier Letter; Buffalo soldiers

- CD: #8 The Negro as Soldier & #22 FDR & Hitler
- 375 – 382 “Black Businesspeople”; 409 “Black Men “; – 413 522 – 530 “Race”

World War II & Midterm

MAY

1 MIDTERM EXAMINATION

3 A Class Divided

Civil Rights Movement

8 Roots of the Movement: *Scottsboro*, A Bad Question – Jesse Owens; Joe Louis, Marian Anderson; Jackie Robinson; cold war context; Brown; speak now

- *Docs 19 – 5; 19 – 3; 20 – 3*
- 508-509; 520 – 522; 533; 537-538

10 Civil Rights in the 50s:

- *Docs 20 – 2; 21 – 3; 21 - 7*
- 548-560 “The Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee”

Civil Rights Movement

15 Civil Rights Movement in the 60s I: -- I have a dream; common people; brutal cops; something's *wrong*

- *4 Little Girls; Doc 21 - 6*
- 560-569 "Black Youth" to "The Civil Rights Act"

17 Black Nationalism: What Happens To a Dream Deferred?

- *Docs 21-8, 22-1; CD: # 27 "Angela Davis"*
- 582 – 591 to "Difficulties" (*skip* Prisoners Rights)

Origins of the Urban Crisis

22 Civil Rights Movement in the 60s II: The Law; LBJ

- *Doc 21-7*
- 569 – 575 "The Civil Rights Act – "

25 Where Do We Go From Here? • Assassination; Great Society; • When We Were Kings?

- *Where Do We Go From Here*
- 589 - 598

The New Urban Reality

29 The Darkening Cities: Discrimination in Unionization; deliberate red-lining; Segregated Schools; Rodriguez & Milliken

- *Docs 22-3; 22 – 5*
- 603 – 604 "The Election..." ; 607 "Economic Downturn"; 647 "Education.."

31 The New Urban Reality: Hoop Dreams: Materialism; Gang violence; prison & drugs
208 Worse than slavery; Police --Rodney King *Colors*; Degeneration of Cities; When Work Disappears; Rise of Middle Class; outflight;

- *Docs 23 -1; 23 - 6*
- 588 "Prisoners' Rights"; 617 – 618; 626 – 628; 645 – 647

The Future & Review

JUNE

5 Where Do We Go From Here *II*: Affirmative Action • *Bakke*; New Conservatism; Rap, future? *Changes*; Reparations; Katrina; Michael; Obama Speech; American Blackout Jordan—corporate—center?; American Blackout

- *Docs* 23 – 2; 23 – 4
- 633 – 635 to *September 11, 2001*; 648 – 655 “Afrocentricity”

7 Review

Final Exam: Thursday, June 14th 2007, 3:00 – 6:00