

History 2112: US History since 1865 -- Rickman

READING ASSIGNMENTS -- Final Exam

On the exam, you will be held responsible for material covered in class as well as in the assignments below.

Topic 1 -- The Cold War to 1965

Text, 792-796, 800-821, 840-843, 825-826, 829-830, 863-869

Exam 4A Truman.pdf, Address on Korea & MacArthur

Exam 4B Eisenhower.pdf, Farewell Address, 1961

Exam 4C Kennedy.pdf, Inaugural Address, 1961

Topic 2 -- The Vietnam War

Text, 812-813, 821-830, 880-886, 888-895, 905-908

Exam 4D Johnson.pdf, Gulf of Tonkin Message to Congress

Exam 4E Muller.pdf, A US Marine Recalls His Confusion in Vietnam

Topic 3 -- 1970s & 1980s, Domestic

Text, 896-901, 912-924, 928-938, 944-950

Exam 4F Ervin.pdf, Why Nixon Should be Impeached

Exam 4G Reagan.pdf, First Inaugural Address

Topic 4 -- 1970s-1990s, Foreign Policy

Text, 908-912, 924-927, 938-944, 950-954

Exam 4H Bush.pdf, Address on War with Iraq

Topic 5 -- 1990s, Domestic

Text, 954-974, 988-989, 991-992

Section III, List of Possible Essay Questions (also 8 Documents)

1. Explain the 5 key policy assumptions held by American leaders during the Cold War. How did these policy assumptions exaggerate the reality of the Soviet Threat in the late 1940s (for example, in the Greek Civil War)?
2. Explain the key decisions made by U.S. leaders in 1949/50, 1954, 1961, & 1965 that created an ever-increasing US intervention in Vietnam. What factors motivated the American "enemy" in Vietnam?
3. Discuss domestic politics from 1968 to 1988 with a focus on the potentials for presidents to misuse power (Watergate) as well as the continuing debate over the sources of poverty and the proper role of the US Government in the economy/society.
4. Discuss US foreign policy from the 1970s to the 1990s. How did the Cold War continue in the 1970s & 1980s? How and why did the Cold War end? How and why has the USA remained active in the Third World and what have been the consequences of this continued intervention?