History 409
The United States, 1919-1941
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Fall 1997

Try out the new Chat Room

Required Readings (all at University Bookstore, Johnson Center)
  Langston Hughes, The Ways of White Folks
  Sinclair Lewis, Babbitt
  Robert McElvaine, The Great Depression
  William Stott, Documentary Expression and Thirties America
  David Stowe, Swing Changes
  Studs Terkel, Hard Times

Grading
  short (2-3 page) paper, 20%
  Midterm, 30%
  Final Paper (10-12 pages) 35%
  Class Participation, 15%

Syllabus

Tuesday, Aug 26
  Introduction
Thursday, Aug. 28
  WWI and the Crusade for Conformity
Tuesday Sept. 2
1919: A Troubled Year

Thursday, Sept. 4
The Palmer Raids

Tuesday, Sept. 9
Prohibition

Thursday, Sept. 11

- The Klan Rides Again

Tuesday Sept. 16
Fundamentalism and Modernity

Thursday, Sept. 18
An introduction to the course on line

Tuesday Sept. 23
The Scopes Trial

Thursday, Sept. 25
Discuss Lewis, Babbitt

Tuesday, Sept. 30
The Rise of Radio

Thursday, Oct. 2
The Lone Eagle

Tuesday Oct. 7
Movie, The Jazz Singer

Thursday, Oct. 9
Discuss Hughes, The Ways of White Folks. Short papers due in class!!
Columbus day

Thursday, Oct. 16
Midterm

Tuesday Oct. 21
The Crash
Thursday, Oct. 23
The Great Depression (read McIlvaine, pages TBA)

Tuesday, Oct. 28
FDR

Thursday, Oct. 30

A New Deal?

Tuesday, Nov. 4
The Dust Bowl
Thursday, Nov. 6
Alphabet Soup

Tuesday Nov. 11
Discuss Stott, *Documentary Expression and Thirties America*

Thursday, Nov. 13
FDR under fire

Tuesday, Nov. 18
Scottsboro

Thursday, Nov. 20
The Swing Era

Tuesday, Nov. 25
Discuss Stowe, *Swing Changes*

Thanksgiving Break

Tuesday, Dec. 2
The Zoot Suit
Thursday, Dec. 4
The Eve of War