

HIST 409: Between the Wars: The United States, 1919 – 1941

George Mason University, Summer 2001.

Robinson B218. Tuesday/Thursday, 7:20 – 10pm

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Requirements

10 reading responses, 200-500 words each. 30%

Midterm exam, 20%

Final exam, 40%

Showing up on time, 10%

Readings

Lewis, Sinclair. *Babbitt*

Cohen, Elizabeth. *Making a New Deal: Industrial Workers in Chicago, 1919-1939.*

Brinkley, Alan. *Voices of Protest: Huey Long, Father Coughlin, and the Great Depression.*

Worster, Donald. *Dust Bowl: The Southern Plains in the 1930s.*

Rosenzweig, Roy, et al. *Who Built America? Part II: From the Great War of 1914 to the Dawn of the Atomic Age in 1946* [compact disc]

Schedule

May 29.

Introduction: Why study the interwar period?

Lecture: The Failed Revolution, 1919-1920

May 31.

Discussion: WBA.

Lecture: The Progressive Agenda—Prohibition and Women's Suffrage

June 5.

Discussion: *Babbitt*, chapters 1-18, 24.

Lecture: Production and Consumption

June 7.

Discussion: WBA.

Lecture: Urban America, Ethnic America

June 12.

Discussion:

- *Making a New Deal*, chapter 2
- “Harlem: The Mecca of the New Negro,” *Survey Graphic*, March 1925
<http://etext.lib.virginia.edu/harlem/>

Lecture: Celebrity

June 14.

Discussion: WBA

Lecture: New Media: Radio and Movies

June 19.

Discussion: *Making a New Deal*, chapter 3.

Lecture: Americans abroad.

June 21. **Midterm**

Film: *Modern Times*

June 26.

Discussion: *Making a New Deal*, chapter 5.

Lecture: The Crash

June 28.

Discussion: WBA.

Lecture: Hoover, Roosevelt, and the First New Deal

July 3.

Discussion: *Voices of Protest*

Lecture: The Second New Deal

July 5.

Discussion: WBA.

Lecture: Enduring the Depression

July 10.

Discussion: *Dust Bowl*

Lecture: New Deal Culture

July 12.

Lecture: 1939: World's Fair and World War

Discussion: Course review

July 17. **Final Exam**