

**Proposed Major Field Reading List: 20th Century U.S. History
(Emphasis: Popular Culture)**

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**Dreams Dawning: A New Century, Progressivism and The
New Era**

Jacobson, Matthew Frye. *Barbarian Virtues: The United States Encounters
Foreign Peoples at Home and Abroad, 1876–1917.* (2001)

Kennedy, David M. *Over Here: The First World War and American Society.*
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Knock, Thomas J. *To End All Wars: Woodrow Wilson and the Quest for a New
World Order.* (1992)

Rosenberg, Emily. *Spreading the American Dream: American Economic and
Cultural Expansion, 1890–1945.* (1982)

*Williams, William A. *The Tragedy of American Diplomacy.* (1959)

Progressive Era

Arthur S. Link and Richard McCormick. *Progressivism (American History
Series.)* (1983)

Baker, Jean H., ed. *Votes for Women: The Struggle for Suffrage Revisited.* (2002)

*Dawley, Alan. *Struggles for Justice: Social Responsibility and the Liberal State.*
(2005)

Diner, Steven. *A Very Different Age: Americans in the Progressive Era.* (1997)

*Hofstadter, Richard. *The Age of Reform.* (1960)

*McGerr, Michael E. *A Fierce Discontent: The Rise and Fall of the Progressive
Movement in America.* (2003)

Rodgers, Daniel T. *Atlantic Crossings: Social Politics in a Progressive Age.*
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*Wiebe, Robert. *The Search for Order 1877-1920.* (1966)

The Rise of Consumer Culture

Benson, Susan Porter. *Counter Cultures: Saleswomen, Managers, and Customers in American Department Stores, 1890–1940*. (1986)

*Cohen, Elizabeth. *A Consumer's Republic: The Politics of Mass Consumption in Postwar America*. (2003)

Ewen, Stuart. *Captains of Consciousness: Advertising and the Social Roots of the Consumer Culture* (1976)

Leach, William. *Land of Desire: Merchants, Power, and the Rise of a New American Culture* (1993)

Lears, T.J. Jackson. *Fables of Abundance: A Cultural History of Advertising in America* (1994)

*Marchand, Roland. *Advertising the American Dream: Making Way for Modernity, 1920-1940*. (1985)

*Nissenbaum, Stephen. *The Battle over Christmas*. (1997)

Schmidt, Leigh Eric. *Consumer Rites: The Buying and Selling of American Holidays* (1995)

Twitchell, James B. *Lead Us Into Temptation* (1999)

Intellectual & Cultural Currents

*Burnham, John. *Bad Habits: Drinking, Smoking, Taking Drugs, Gambling, Sexual Misbehavior, and Swearing in American History*. (1992)

*Denning, Michael. *The Cultural Front: The Laboring of American Culture in the Twentieth Century* (1997)

Fink, Leon. *Progressive Intellectuals and the Dilemmas of Democratic Commitment*. (1998)

Larson, Edward. *Summer for the Gods: The Scopes Trial and America's Continuing Debate over Science and Religion*. (1997)

*Peiss, Kathy. *Cheap Amusements: Working Women and Leisure in Turn-of-the-Century New York*. (1986)

Peiss, Kathy. *Hope in a Jar: The Making of America's Beauty Culture*. (1998)

Two Crucibles: Depression and War

*Burns, James MacGregor. *Roosevelt: The Lion and the Fox*. (1956)

*Conkin, Paul S. *The New Deal (American History Series.)* (1993)

Currell, Susan. *The March of Spare Time: The Problem and Promise of Leisure in the Great Depression*. (2005)

*Dower, John. *War Without Mercy: Race and Power in the Pacific War*. (1986)

Erenberg, Lewis A. and Susan E. Hirsh eds. *The War in American Culture: Society and Consciousness during World War II*. (1996)

Gordon, Linda. *Pitied But Not Entitled: Single Mothers and the History of Welfare*. (1994)

*Kennedy, David M. *Freedom from Fear: The American People in Depression and War, 1929-1945*. (1999)

*McElvaine, Robert S. *The Great Depression: America, 1929-1941*. (1993)

Pells, Richard. *Radical Visions and American Dreams: Culture and Social Thought in the Depression Years*. (1973)

*Koppes, Clayton R., and Gregory D. Black. *Hollywood Goes to War: How Politics, Profits and Propaganda Shaped World War II Movies*. (1987)

The Cold War Era 1945-1968

*Altshuler, Glenn. *All Shook Up: How Rock 'n' Roll Changed America*. (2003)

Bailey, Beth. *Sex in the Heartland*. (1999)

Boorstin, Daniel J. *The Image: A Guide to Pseudo-Events in America* (1961)

Boyer, Paul. *By the Bomb's Early Light: American Thought and Culture at the Dawn of the Atomic Age* (1984)

Henriksen, Margot. *Dr. Strangelove's America: Society and Culture in the Atomic Age*. (1997)

Lipsitz, George. *Time Passages: Collective Memory and American Popular Culture*. (1990)

*Oshinsky, David M. *A Conspiracy So Immense: The World of Joe McCarthy* (2005)

*Patterson, James. *Grand Expectations: The United States, 1945-1974*. (1996)

Schrecker, Ellen. *Many are the Crimes: McCarthyism in America*. (1998)

*Slotkin, Richard. *Gunfighter Nation: The Myth of the Frontier in Twentieth-Century America* (1992)

The Sixties & Vietnam

Doyle, Michael William, and Peter Braunstein. *Imagine Nation: The American Counterculture of the 1960s and 1970s*. (2002)

*Farber, David. *The Age of Great Dreams: America in the 1960s*. (1994)

*Gitlin, Todd. *The Sixties: Years of Hope, Days of Rage*. (1993)

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*O'Neill, William L. *Coming Apart: An Informal History of America in the 1960s*. (1971)

*Roberts, Randy, and James Olson. *Where the Domino Fell: America and Vietnam, 1945 to 1995*. (1991)

Young, Marilyn B. *The Vietnam Wars*. (1991)

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Bellah, Robert, et al. *Habits of the Heart: Individualism and Commitment in American Life* (1986)

Collins, Robert M. *Transforming America: Politics and Culture in the Reagan Years*. (2007)

Farber, David. *Taken Hostage: The Iran Hostage Crisis and America's First Encounter with Radical Islam*. (2005)

Hunter, James Davison. *Culture Wars: The Struggle to Define America*. (1991)

*Schulman, Bruce. *The Seventies: The Great Shift in American Society, Culture and Politics*. (2001)

*Patterson, James. *Restless Giant: The United States from Watergate to Bush v. Gore* (2005)

Biography

*Caro, Robert. *The Power Broker: Robert Moses and the Fall of New York*. (1974)

*Eyman, Scott. *Print the Legend: The Life and Times of John Ford*. (2001)

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Hamilton, Nigel. *Biography: A Brief History*. (2007)

McBride, Joseph. *Frank Capra: The Catastrophe of Success*. (2000)

Rampersad, Arnold. *Ralph Ellison: A Biography*. (2007)

Roberts, Randy, and James Olson. *John Wayne: American*. (1995)

Watts, Steven. *The Magic Kingdom: Walt Disney and the American Way of Life*. (1997)

Race, Ethnicity, Feminism & Sexuality

*Bederman, Gail. *Manliness and Civilization: A Cultural History of Gender and Race in the United States, 1880-1917*. (1996)

*Chauncey, George. *Gay New York: Gender, Urban Culture, and the Making of the Gay Male World, 1890-1940*. (1994)

*Douglas, Susan. *Where the Girls Are: Growing Up Female With the Mass Media* (1994)

Meyerowitz, Joanne, ed. *Not June Cleaver: American Women in the 1950s*. (1994)

Rosen, Ruth. *The World Split Open: How the Modern Women's Movement Changed America*. (2000)

Kelley, Robin D. G. *Race Rebels: Culture, Politics, and the Black Working Class* (1994)

Miller, Kirby. *Emigrants & Exiles: Ireland and the Irish Exodus to North America*. (1985)

Guterl, Matthew P. *The Color of Race in America, 1900-1940*. (2001)

Payne, Charles. *I've got the Light of Freedom: The Organizing Struggle and the Mississippi Freedom Struggle*. (1995)

*Takaki, Ronald. *Strangers from a Different Shore: A History of Asian Americans*. (1998)

*Sanchez, George. *Becoming Mexican American: Ethnicity, Culture, and Identity in Chicano Los Angeles, 1900-1945*. (1993)

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Barnouw, Eric. *Tube of Plenty: The Evolution of American Television*. (1975)

*Ceplair, Larry and Stephen Englund. *The Inquisition in Hollywood: Politics in the Film Community, 1930-60*. (2003)

*Gabler, *An Empire on Their Own: How the Jews Invented Hollywood*. (1988)

*Haskell, Molly. *From Reverence to Rape: The Treatment of Women in the Movies*. (1987)

*MacDonald, J. Fred. *One Nation Under Television: The Rise and Decline of Network TV*. (1990)

Marc, David. *Comic Visions: Television Comedy and American Culture*. (1989)

*Marcus, Greil. *Mystery Train: Images of America in Rock 'n Roll*. (1975)

*Ray, Robert V. *A Certain Tendency of the Hollywood Cinema, 1930-1980*. (1985)

Roberts, Randy, and Steven Mintz, eds. *Hollywood's America: United States History Through its Films*. (1993)

*Sklar, Robert. *Movie-Made America: A Cultural History of American Movies* (1976)

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Other

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Kammen, Michael. *Mystic Chords of Memory: The Transformation of Tradition in American Culture*. (1991)

*Levine, Lawrence. *Highbrow/Lowbrow: The Emergence of Cultural Hierarchy in America* (1988)

*Limerick, Patricia Nelson. *The Legacy of Conquest: The Unbroken Past of the American West*. (1987)

Markovits, Andrei S. and Steven Hellerman. *Offside: Soccer and American Exceptionalism*. (2001)

McAlister, Melani. *Epic Encounters: Culture, Media, and U.S. Interests in the Middle East, 1945–2000*. (2001)

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*Susman, Warren. *Culture as History: The Transformation of American Society in the Twentieth Century*. (1984)

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