

HIST0132

U.S. HISTORY SINCE 1865

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This course traces the development of the United States from 1865 to the present day as a world power. We look at the American experience, reflecting on the culture and society of the United States and its place in the wider world. We analyze the economic, political, social, and cultural factors that contributed to the development of the nation. And we consider the notion of power as it relates to the United States, both in terms of its place in the world, as well as notions of power within the wider nation. This includes looking at the diversity of the American population historically and the contribution to the nation's development of groups of people and individuals not usually included in the story of the American experience. In addition to notions of power, we will also examine inequality and what that means, both in terms of macro level governance and policy decisions, as well as on the micro level, what it looked like for people's lives. This course will strengthen students' critical thinking, reading and writing skills, as well as sharpen media literacy skills. It will also provide students with a foundation for understanding the world and culture they live in today.