

SYLLABUS
THE STRUGGLE FOR RACIAL EQUALITY

HISTORY 344

FALL 2018

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Office: 253 Liberal Arts
Office Hours: Mon., Wed., Fri. 3:00-4:00
and by appointment

Required texts:

Richard Kluger, Simple Justice
Steven Lawson, Running for Freedom (3rd ed.)
John Hope Franklin and August Meier, Black Leaders of
the Twentieth Century
Thomas West and James Mooney, To Redeem a Nation
Richard Wright, Black Boy
Ralph Ellison, Invisible Man
John Howard Griffin, Black Like Me
Martin Luther King, Jr., Stride Toward Freedom
Stokely Carmichael, Black Power
Eldridge Cleaver, Soul on Ice

Course requirements:

Essay on Ellison, Invisible Man (33%)
Five (5) pages, due October 6

Essay on King, Stride Toward Freedom (33%)
Five (5) pages, due November 3

Final exam (33%)

Outcomes:

Students in this class will be expected to learn to read cases, to analyze them, and to place the decisions in historical context. Further, students will be expected to present their conclusions coherently in clear, grammatical English.

Disabilities:

Students with documented disabilities are entitled to reasonable accommodations. It is up to students needing an accommodation to provide advance notification of the nature of that accommodation. For more information, visit the website of [Disabilities Services for Students](http://www.umt.edu/dss) (<http://www.umt.edu/dss>)

Last day to add without consent of instructor: September 15

CLASS SCHEDULE AND ASSIGNMENTS

August 27 Organization

August 29 Slavery, Segregation, and Disfranchisement
Reading: Kluger, chs. 2, 3

August 31 The Black Response: Booker T. Washington
Reading: Kluger, pp. 84-91
Franklin and Meier, ch. 1

September 3 NO CLASS

September 5 The Atlanta Compromise
Reading: West and Mooney, pp. 5-8

September 7 The Black Response: W. E. B. DuBois
Reading: Kluger, pp. 91-100
Franklin and Meier, ch. 4

September 10 Of Mr. Booker T. Washington and Others
Reading: West and Mooney, pp. 9-22

September 12 NAACP
Reading: Kluger, pp. 100-125

September 14 Marcus Garvey
Reading: Franklin and Meier, ch. 6

September 17 Marcus Garvey
Reading: West and Mooney, pp. 24-28

September 19 Black Boy
Reading: Wright, Black Boy

September 21 Howard, the Depression, and the NAACP
Reading: Kluger, chs. 6,7
Franklin and Meier, ch. 10

September 24 Thurgood Marshall
Reading: Kluger, chs. 8, 9; pp. 214-216

September 26 World War II
Reading: Kluger, pp. 226-238
Lawson, ch. 1
West and Mooney, pp. 35-37, 95-99

September 28 The 1940s: The Pace of Change
Reading: Lawson, pp. 36-44
Kluger, ch. 11
West and Mooney, pp. 159-160

October 1 Invisible Man
Reading: Ellison, Invisible Man

October 3 Sweatt and McLaurin
Reading: Kluger, ch. 12

October 5 Brown: South Carolina
Reading: Kluger, chs. 1, 13-15

October 8 Brown: Kansas
Reading: Kluger, chs. 16-17

October 10 Brown: Delaware and Virginia
Reading: Kluger, chs. 18-20

October 12 Brown: D.C. and the Courts
Reading: Kluger, chs. 21-23

October 15 Brown: The Supreme Court
Reading: Kluger, chs. 23-25

October 17 The Court Decides
Reading: Kluger, chs. 26-27

October 19 White Observation: Black Life
Reading: Griffin, Black Like Me

October 22 Black Protest
Reading: Lawson, pp. 44-71

October 24 Montgomery and Martin Luther King, Jr.
 Reading: Franklin and Meier, ch. 13

October 26 King and Montgomery
 Reading: King, Stride Toward Freedom

October 29 Activism
 Reading: Lawson, pp. 72-84

October 31 Sit-ins
 Reading: West and Mooney, pp. 91-100

November 2 Kennedy and Civil Rights
 Reading: Lawson, pp. 84-90

November 5 Freedom Rides
 Reading: West and Mooney, pp. 57-58, 101-110

November 7 SNCC
 Reading: Lawson, pp. 90-95, 99-105

November 9 SNCC
 Reading: West and Mooney, pp. 62-65, 72-75,
 197-202, 206-221

November 12 NO CLASS

November 14 1963: Birmingham and Washington
 Reading: Lawson, pp. 95-99
 West and Mooney, pp. 66-68, 82-86

November 16 Letter from a Birmingham Jail
 Reading: West and Mooney, pp. 116-126

November 19 Selma and Voting Rights
 Reading: Lawson, pp. 105-119
 West and Mooney, pp. 76-78, 173-175

November 26 Malcolm X
 Reading: Franklin and Meier, ch. 13
 Lawson, pp.129-133

November 28 Malcolm X
 Reading: West and Mooney, pp. 185-196

November 30 Black Power
 Reading: Lawson, pp. 119-129

- December 3 Black Power
 Reading: Carmichael, Black Power
- December 5 Black Nationalism
 Reading: Lawson, pp. 133-149
 West and Mooney, pp. 253-260
- December 7 Soul on Ice
 Reading: Cleaver, Soul on Ice