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PART ONE: ROOTS OF AMERICAN FOREIGN POLICY

WEEK ONE

SEPT 4
Introduction
Readings:
None

SEPT 6
Overview
Readings:
-Henry Kissinger, “America at the Apex: Empire or Leader,” from Does America Have a
-Bruce Jentleson, Chap 1, “The Context of US Foreign Policy,” from American Foreign

WEEK TWO

Sept 11
Constitutional Framework
Readings:
-US Constitution. Art. I, sec’s 8,9 and 10; Art II sec’s 2 and 3.

Sept 13
Historical Framework
Readings:
Henry Luce, “The American Century,” from The Ambiguous Legacy: US Foreign
Relations in the American Century (1999).
-LeFeber, Chap 7.

WEEK THREE

Sept 18
Historical and Philosophical Overview
Readings:
LeFeber, chaps 8 and 9.

PART TWO: THE TRAGEDY AND LEGACY OF VIETNAM

Sept 20
The War
Video on the background of the war (TBA)
Readings:

**WEEK FOUR**

Set.25 THE VIETNAM WAR

Readings:
LeFeber, Chap 17, pp 610-623; Chap 18, pp 633-643 and 665-669.

Sept 27 THE VIETNAM ERA

Readings:
William Safire, ”Syndrome Returns;” *NY Times*, April 30, 2001
*** First Paper Due

**WEEK FIVE**

Oct 2 IMPACT OF VIETNAM

Readings:
Warren P. Strobel, *The CNN Effect: Myth or Reality,*” from *Domestic Sources of American Foreign Policy*
US State Department, Daily Press Briefing

**PART THREE: AFTER THE COLD WAR**

Oct 4 HOW IT ENDED

Readings:
Jentleson, Chap 4
LeFeber, Chap 14, pp 457-468; Chap 15 pp 502-511

**WEEK SIX**

Oct 9 IMPACT: CHINA AND RUSSIA

Harvey Sicherman, "Yeltsin’s Legacy and Putin’s Plans,” in *Foreign Policy Research Institute* (2000)
Gerald Segal, "Does China Matter,” in *Foreign Affairs*, (1999)

Oct 11

**ALLIANCES: NATO, JAPAN AND EUROPE**

Readings:

**WEEK SEVEN**

Oct 16

**REGIONAL CONFLICTS:**

The Middle East

Readings:
Tom Friedman, *From Beirut to Jerusalem*, pp 106-125 and pp 251-283.

Oct 18

**REGIONAL CONFLICTS:**

The Balkans/Kosovo, Africa

Readings:

**WEEK EIGHT**

*** Oct 23 **MIDTERM EXAM**

**PART FOUR: GLOBALIZATION**

OVERVIEW

Oct 25

Readings:
Strobe Talbott, “Globalization and Diplomacy: The View from Foggy Bottom,” in *The Domestic Sources of American Foreign Policy*

**WEEK NINE**

Oct 30

**GLOBALIZATION (CONT’D)**

Nov 1
GLOBAL ISSUES:
Environment
Population
Refugees

Readings:

WEEK TEN

Nov 6
GLOBAL ISSUES
Human Rights, AIDS

Readings:
March 2, 2000

Nov 8
GLOBAL ISSUES:
Drugs, thugs, WMD

Readings:
US State Department, Patterns of Global Terrorism 2000

WEEK ELEVEN

Nov 13
NEW STRUCTURES OF
DIPLOMACY: PRESIDENCY

Readings:
Geoffrey Kemp, “Presidential Management of the Executive Bureaucracy,”
From Domestic Sources of Foreign Policy
LeFeber, Chap 20, pp 766-779

Nov 15
INSIDE THE STATE
DEPT. AND AN EMBASSY

Readings:

WEEK TWELVE
WEEK THIRTEEN
Nov 27
INTELLIGENCE AND
THE MILITARY

Readings:
Jentleson, Chap 8, pp 283-297
Dana Priest, “A Four-Star Foreign Policy?: US Commanders Wield Rising Clout,”
Washington Post (Nov. 2000)
*** Second Paper Due

Nov 29
MULTILATERAL
DIPLOMACY: UN

Readings:
Jentleson, Chap 7
Michael J. Matheson, “UN Governance of Post Conflict Societies,” American Journal of
International Law, (2001)

WEEK FOURTEEN
Dec 4
MULTILATERAL
DIPLOMACY: IMF, IBRD

Readings:

Dec 6
PREVENTIVE
DIPLOMACY

Readings:
The Carnegie Commission on Preventing Deadly Conflict, The Final Report, Executive
Summary, (1998)

WEEK FIFTEEN
Dec 11
PREVENTIVE
DIPLOMACY

Readings:
Carnegie Commission on Preventing Deadly Conflict,” The Costs of Conflict Prevention
and Cure in the Global Arena,” The cases of Somalia and Haiti (1999)

PART FIVE: CONCLUSION

Dec 13
SUMMARY AND WRAP-UP

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