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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 Foreign Policy? (2001).

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:
-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
Gerald Segal, ”Does China Matter,” from Foreign Affairs, (1999)

Oct 11

Readings:
George Bush and Brent Scowcroft,” Leading the Alliance,” from A World Transformed, (1999)

WEEK SEVEN

Oct 16

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

Oct 18

Readings:
Richard Holbrooke, To End A War, pp 21-33 and pp 358-369, (1999)

WEEK EIGHT

*** Oct 23

MIDTERM EXAM

PART FOUR: GLOBALIZATION

Oct 25

Readings:
Tom Friedman,” Responsive Governance in the 21st Century,” 2000 Mansfield American Pacific Lectures, pp1-29
Strobe Talbott,”Globalization and Diplomacy: The View from Foggy Bottom,” from The Domestic Sources of American Foreign Policy

WEEK NINE

Oct 30

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
Nov 20
Video: TBA

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:

December 6
PREVENTIVE
DIPLOMACY

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

WEEK FIFTEEN
Dec 11
PREVENTIVE
DIPLOMACY

Readings:
The 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