

ECONOMIC HISTORY OF THE UNITED STATES

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Econ 4524-002 MWF 10:00-10:50

- Oct 9 Transportation: The Iron Horse and Economic Growth
& 12 H&C: Chapter 14
- Oct 14 The Microsofts of the 19th Century: Regulation and the Origins of Anti-Trust
& 16 H&C: Chapter 18
- Oct 19 The Wild West: The Use and Abuse of Natural Resources
& 21 Libecap, "Property Rights in ..."
- Oct 23 The Political Economy of Natural Gas Leasing
- Oct 26 Property Rights on Frontiers
Alston, Harris and Mueller, "De Facto and De Jure Property Rights"
- Oct 28 The Great War
H&C: Chapter 22
- Oct 30 Business Cycles
Video
- Nov 2 The Roaring Twenties: Farms Failing and Banks Busting
& 4 H&C: Chapter 23Exam
- Nov 6 The Great Depression
9, 11 H&C: Chapters 24 & 25
& 13 Atack and Passell: "The Great Depression: The Contraction" and "The Recovery"
- Nov 16 World War II: The End of, or Continuation of the Great Depression?
H&C: Chapter 26
Higgs: " "
- Nov 20 Exam 2 – Long Essay**
- Nov 22 Exam 2- Short Essays**
- Nov 30 When and Why Government Got Big
Dec 2 H&C: Chapters 27 & 30
Higgs, "The Sources of Big Government..."
Higgs, "How Much Has Government Grown..."
Higgs, "On Ideology as an Analytical ..."
- Dec 4 Catch-up
- Dec 7 The New Frontier and the Great Society: Why then?
- Dec 9 Argentina and Brazil: Lessons from U.S. Economic History
- Dec 11 Answers to Anything You Ever Wanted to Know About
Economic History But Were Afraid to Ask
- FINAL EXAM December 15 – 4:30-7:00**