This syllabus is a contract between Dr. Rich and you as a graduate student. You agree that all work you do will be your own, that you will not plagiarize. You further agree that you will keep up with the readings so the class meeting will be discussions, the essence of graduate education, and not just repetition of material covered in the readings. **Evaluation:** There will be three in-term tests for 1 point each and an end of term test for 3 points, and an end of term paper for 4 points. Any doubts about evaluation will be resolved by reference to the term paper. The three tests *may* be take-home or in-class, as Dr. Rich announces. You must present your term paper topic for approval at the third class. Dr. Rich is freely available to students. You may visit his office anytime you wish without having an appointment. The teaching assistant, David Merchant, is also available to answer questions. Think seriously about developing one of your papers for Dr. Rich into a thesis topic or conference paper. The course covers the United States in the period from the end of Reconstruction (c.1880) to the present Bush. **Papers must fall in that time zone.** Tell course assistant if you have any troubles in accessing materials. As you already know, there are many attractive web sites that will add to your research papers and general appreciation of this period. Some choice sites will be discussed in class. There are three large databases stored on the university mainframe computer for the use of this class: Theodore Roosevelt election campaigns, the Vietnam War, and Martin Luther King. Find them the first week of class. Sometimes we have trouble with their access.
When no page numbers are listed, as in this case, the article or book, as with this one, is to be read in its entirety.

The fifty states fandex will be one of the readings.


II. A Gilded and Imperial Age. *Westward the Path of Empire*.


III. Progressivism and Reform. *A Bull Moose*.


Teddy Roosevelt election database on university mainframe.
This is a big thing, so to speak, and will be discussed in class.


*Wilson*. Video.

V. Depression, New Deal, and FDR. *Soup Kitchens*.


VI. World War II. To Live in Infamy.

Brinkley. Chapter Twenty-Eight: "America in a World at War". 723-746.


VII. The Cold War. Almost Armageddon.

Brinkley. Chapter Twenty-Nine: "America and the Cold War". 747-776.


VIII. Crisis in Authority. The Chickens Come Home.


Vietnam War and Dr. Martin Luther King databases on university mainframe.


Brinkley. Chapter Thirty-three: "The Unfinished Nation". 872-912.

*Inside the White House. The Road to the White House* ´92. Videos


Due last class: twenty page paper using the micro records of the US State Department in the library.