

LEH 301 (Q01) Immigration and National Identity
SPRING, 2013

TUESDAY 2:00 p.m.-4:40 p.m.
Professor Stanley Renshon

Required Books:

Peter D. Salins. Assimilation American Style. New York: Basic Books, 1996.

Michael Arthur Ledeen. Tocqueville on American Character: Why Tocqueville's Brilliant Exploration of the American Spirit Is As Vital and Important Today As It Was Nearly Two Hundred Years Ago. New York: St. Martin's Press, 2000.

David A. Hollinger. Postethnic America. New York: Basic Books

Michael Walzer. What does it mean to be an American? New York: Marsillo, 1992

***NOTE: The Salins and Ledeen books are available used on Amazon. Com. Go to www.amazon.com, then look up the author/title and click on the “new and used” icon. Select a seller and complete your order. You should do this **immediately**.

***NOTE 2: Salins, Ledeen, Hollinger, and Walzer books are also on reserve in library

Films/ Documentaries to be shown:

1. 7 Up in American
2. 14 Up in America
3. 21 Up in America
4. Spell Bound

COURSE OUTLINE

1. JANUARY 29: Course Introduction and Overview

Assignment: none

2. FEBRUARY 5: What it Means to be an American

Assignment, Walzer, Introduction (The Politics of Difference); **also** 2-4 page (1.5 spaced) essay-on your thoughts about what it means to be an American **BEFORE** you read the Walzer assignment

3. FEBRUARY 12: LINCOLN'S BIRTHDAY-NO CLASS-Make up class on MAY 21ST, the day on which our final exam would have been scheduled, if we had one)

4. FEBRUARY 19: What it Means to be an American

Assignment: Michael Walzer, What it means to be an American, Chapter on pluralism: a political perspective) and chapter “What does it mean to be an American?”

5. FEBRUARY 26: American National Culture

Assignment: Leeden- Introduction, chapter 1

6. MARCH 5: First Test:

Assignment: Study

7. MARCH 12: American National Culture

Assignment: Leeden, Chapters 3, 4

8. MARCH 19: American National Culture

Assignment: Leeden, Chapters 5, Conclusion

*****MARCH 26, APRIL 2- NO CLASS SPRING BREAK*****

9. APRIL 9: Post Ethnic America?

Assignment: Hollinger, introduction, chapter 1 chapter 2.

10. APRIL 16: 2nd Test

Assignment: Study

11. APRIL 23: Post-Ethnic politics

Assignment: Hollinger, Chapters 4, 5, Epilogue

12. APRIL 30: Assimilation, American Style

Assignment: Salins, chapters 1, 2, 3

13. MAY 7: Assimilation, American Style II:

Assignment: Salins, 4, 5,6

14. MAY 14: Assimilation, American Style: III

Assignment: Salins, 7, 10, 11

15. MAY 21: 3RD TEST

Assignment: Study