Post-Civil War U.S. History Reading List
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Reconstruction:
Blight, David W. Race and Reunion: The Civil War in American Memory
Emberton, Carole. Beyond Redemption: Race, Violence, and the American South After the Civil War
Foner, Eric. A Short History of Reconstruction
Hahn, Steven. A Nation Under Our Feet: Black Political Struggles in the Rural South from Slavery to the Great Migration
Richardson, Heather C. West from Appomattox

Gilded Age:
Bensel, Richard Franklin. The Political Economy of American Industrialization, 1877 – 1900
Fink, Leon. Workingmen’s Democracy: The Knights of Labor and American Politics
Richardson, Heather C. Wounded Knee: Party Politics and the Road to an American Massacre
Trachtenberg, Alan. The Incorporation of America: Culture and Society in the Gilded Age
White, Richard. Railroaded: The Transcontinentals and the Making of Modern America

Immigration:
Alba, Richard and Victor Nee. Remaking the American Mainstream: Assimilation and Contemporary Immigration
Foner, Nancy. From Ellis Island to JFK: New York’s Two Great Waves of Immigration
Ngai, Mae M. Impossible Subjects: Illegal Aliens and the Making of Modern America
Portes, Alejandro and Rubén Rumbaut. Legacies: The Story of the Immigrant Second Generation
Roediger, David R. Working Toward Whiteness: How America’s Immigrants Became White

Imperialism:
Jacobson, Matthew. Barbarian Virtues: The United States Encounters Foreign Peoples at Home and Abroad, 1877 – 1900
Linn, Brian McAllister. The Philippine War, 1899 – 1902
Perez, Louis A. The War of 1898: The United States and Cuba in History and Historiography
Renda, Mary A. Taking Haiti: Military Occupation and the Culture of U.S. Imperialism, 1915 – 1940

Progressive Era:
Dawley, Alan. Struggles for Justice: Social Responsibility and the Liberal State
Hofstadter, Richard. The Age of Reform: From Bryan to F.D.R.
Link, William. The Paradox of Southern Progressivism, 1880 – 1930
Montgomery, David. The Fall of the House of Labor: The Workplace, the State, and American Labor Activism, 1865 – 1925
Rogers, Daniel T. Atlantic Crossings: Social Politics in a Progressive Age
World War I:
Capozzola, Christopher. *Uncle Sam Wants You: World War I and the Making of the Modern American Citizen*
Grossman, James R. *Land of Hope: Chicago, Black Southerners, and the Great Migration*
Jensen, Kimberly. *Mobilizing Minerva: American Women in the First World War*
Kennedy, David M. *Over Here: The First World War and American Society*

1920s:
Dumenil, Lynn. *The Modern Temper: America in the Twenties*
Larson, Edward. *Summer for the Gods: The Scopes Trial and America’s Continuing Debate Over Science and Religion*
Lerner, Michael A. *Dry Manhattan: Prohibition in New York City*
Lewis, David Levering. *When Harlem Was in Vogue*
Marchand, Roland. *Advertising the American Dream: Making Way for Modernity, 1920 – 1940*

New Deal:
Badger, Anthony. *FDR: The First Hundred Days*
Brinkley, Alan. *Voices of Protest: Huey Long, Father Coughlin, and the Great Depression*
Katznelson, Ira. *When Affirmative Action Was White*
Sullivan, Patricia. *Days of Hope: Race and Democracy in the New Deal Era*

World War II:
Borgwardt, Elizabeth. *A New Deal for the World: America’s Vision for Human Rights*
Daniels, Roger. *Prisoners Without Trial: Japanese Americans in World War II*
Dower, John W. *War Without Mercy: Race and Power in the Pacific War*
Kennedy, David M. *Freedom from Fear: The American People in Depression and War*

Red Scare:
Fried, Richard M. *Nightmare in Red: The McCarthy Era in Perspective*
Leffler, Melvyn P. *A Preponderance of Power: National Security, the Truman Administration, and the Cold War*
Schrecker, Ellen. *Many Are the Crimes: McCarthyism in America*
Stueck, William. *The Korean War: An International History*
Post-World War II Labor:
Fones-Wolf, Elizabeth A. *Selling Free Enterprise: The Business Assault on Labor and Liberalism, 1945 – 1960*
Freeman, Joshua B. *Working-Class New York: Life and Labor Since World War II*
Jackson, Kenneth T. *Crabgrass Frontier: The Suburbanization of America*
Metzgar, Jack. *Striking Steel: Solidarity Remembered*

Vietnam War:
Herring, George C. *America’s Longest War: The United States and Vietnam, 1950 – 1975*
Lawrence, Mark Atwood. *The Vietnam War: A Concise International History*
Logevall, Fredrik. *Choosing War: The Lost Chance for Peace and the Escalation of War in Vietnam*
Miller, James. *Democracy is in the Streets: From Port Huron to the Siege of Chicago*
Porter, Gareth. *Perils of Dominance: Imbalance of Power and the Road to Vietnam*

Civil Rights:
Alexander, Michelle. *The New Jim Crow: Mass Incarceration in the Age of Colorblindness*
Jones, Patrick. *The Selma of the North: Civil Rights Insurgency in Milwaukee*
MacLean, Nancy. *Freedom is Not Enough: The Opening of the American Workplace*
Orleck, Annelise. *Storming Caesar’s Palace: How Black Mothers Fought Their Own War on Poverty*
Sugrue, Thomas. *The Origins of the Urban Crisis: Race and Inequality in Postwar Detroit*

Conservatism:
Berman, William C. *America’s Right Turn: From Nixon to Clinton*
Kruse, Kevin. *White Flight: Atlanta and the Making of Modern Conservatism*
Lassiter, Matthew D. *The Silent Majority: Suburban Politics in the Sunbelt South*
McGirr, Lisa. *Suburban Warriors: The Origins of the New American Right*