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Syllabus

2 November 2020: Traditions, Approaches, Debates

9 November 2020: The United States Emerges as an Imperialist Power

16 November 2020: Wilsonian Internationalism, 1913-1920

23 November 2020: Economic Diplomacy and Political Isolationism, 1921-1938

30 November 2020: The U.S. and the Second World War

7 December 2020: The Origins of the Cold War

14 December 2020: Superpower Confrontation, 1950-1962

11 January 2021: The United States, the Cold War, and the Third World

18 January 2021: The Vietnam War

25 January 2021: The Age of Détente

1 February 2021: Empire by Invitation? The U.S. and Western Europe

8 February 2021: The U.S. and the Middle East

15 February: The End of the Cold War and the Search for a New World Order

22 February 2021: Exams

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<http://thomas.loc.gov/>

National Security Agency (NSA)

<http://www.nsa.gov/>

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Presidential Libraries

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- Harry S. Truman Library → <http://www.trumanlibrary.org/>
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- John Fitzgerald Kennedy Library → <http://www.jfklibrary.org/>
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- Jimmy Carter Library → <http://www.jimmycarterlibrary.org/>
- Ronald Reagan Library → <http://www.reagan.utexas.edu/>
- George Bush Library → <http://bushlibrary.tamu.edu/>
- William J. Clinton Presidential Library & Museum → <http://www.clintonlibrary.gov/>

United States Department of Defense

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<http://www.defenselink.mil/>

U.S. Department of State

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- Especially of interest at the State Department website are the volumes of the Foreign Relations of the United States (FRUS) available for online research.

<https://history.state.gov/historicaldocuments>

U.S. Senate

Some materials, as well as basic information, can be found in the Arts and History, Reference and the Legislation & Records sections.

<http://www.senate.gov/>

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U.S. House of Representatives

The official site of the United States House of Representatives offers certain documents relevant to Congressional hearings and debates on foreign affairs; most can be found through the Office of the House Clerk.

<http://www.house.gov/>

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White House

The official website of the Executive branch offers access to Executive Memos, Speeches and Press Releases and has sections dedicated to National Security, as well as the war in Iraq.

<http://www.whitehouse.gov/>

- National Security Council (NSC) → <http://www.whitehouse.gov/nsc/>

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Avalon Project at the Yale Law School: Foreign Relations of the United States

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Vincent Ferraro, Resources for the Study of International Relations and Foreign Policy

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