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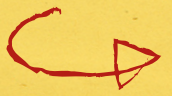
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# LECTURES ON Conflict in 20<sup>th</sup> Century America



*The America of the Twentieth Century began with the nation experiencing the forces of industrialization, urbanization and rapid population growth. The 1930s would be a decade of economic depression and great national challenges. By the 1950s, the US was on a path to the growth of a booming and prosperous economy and society. However, throughout the century, the challenges of conflict would cause the United States to send significant numbers of troops to fight abroad for the first time in its history. Join us as we examine the causes, nature of engagement, resolution and longer term effects of these conflicts on 20th Century America.*

## SCHEDULE OF CLASSES

### January

#### World War I- the Great War

The world recently commemorated the signing of the Armistice ending the fighting in World War I more than 100 years ago. Although the United States was a later arrival to the conflict (the first it had ever participated in outside North America) through President Woodrow Wilson, it would play a pivotal role in making the post-war peace. The Treaty of Versailles would financially sanction the aggressor countries, remake the map of Eastern Europe, the Balkans and the Middle East and provide the provocations and justifications for the rise of new, brutal military challenges in the decades to follow.

### February

#### World War II

The Second World War formally began 80 years ago when Germany invaded Poland on September 1, 1939. As war was being waged in Europe, Africa and the Pacific, Americans would angrily debate whether they should take a more active role in mobilizing and rendering aid before the events at Pearl Harbor drew it into the conflict. After leading its allies to victory in Europe and the Pacific, the United States would accept a permanent leadership role in the postwar world, and provide the military force in numerous protective alliances.

### March

#### The Korean Conflict

By 1949, Cold War realities would set the stage for a turbulent period in American history. In August, 1949, the Soviets detonated their first atomic weapon. Two months later, in October, Mao and the Communist prevailed in the Chinese Civil War. By early 1950, the startling number of Americans revealed to have been Soviet spies propelled the junior senator from Wisconsin, Joseph McCarthy, from obscurity to the forefront of a new Red Scare. On June 25, 1950, North Korean troops, backed by the Soviets, invaded American backed South Korea. President Truman, determined to make good on his recently declared "containment policy" of the expansion of Soviet influence, ordered American troops to take the lead in the first significant United Nations police action: the three year Korean Conflict.

### April

#### Vietnam

Through the 1950s, as France was unable to maintain its control of its former Indochina colony in the face of the Soviet backed Viet Minh resistance, America's involvement in the region intensified. The attempt to prevent the entirety of Vietnam from falling under Communist control would lead to a long and violent conflict and a significant military escalation through the 1960s. Vietnam would contribute to one of the most politically and socially divisive chapters of American history.

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