

Syllabus: EFND 2110
Critical and Contemporary Issues in Education
Fall, 2007

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Texts: Joel Spring, American Education: Twelfth Edition

Peter Irons, God On Trial

Students should be prepared to take a short quiz at the beginning of each class.

Reading, Test, and Assignment Schedule

August

The following reading assignments are from Spring, AMERICAN EDUCATION.

- 16 First day of class**
- 21 Last days of drop/add**
Chapter One: The Goals of Public Schooling
- 23 Same**
- 28 Chapter Two: Equality of Opportunity**
- 30 Same**

September

- 04 Chapter Three: Race, Gender, Special Needs**
- 06 Same – TURN IN THREE-PAGE PAPER ON TOPIC: MY EXPERIENCE WITH RACE.**
- 11 Chapter Four: Student Diversity**

- 13 Same
- 18 Chapter Five: Multicultural Education
- 20 Same
- 25 Chapter Six: Local Control
- 27 Same

October

- 02 Chapter Seven: Power and Control
- 04 Same

- 09 MIDTERM

- 11 Chapter Eight: Profession of Teaching
- 16 Same -- TURN IN THREE-PAGE PAPER ON TOPIC: SHOULD I TEACH?
- 18 Chapter Nine: Textbooks
- 23 Chapter Ten: Courts and Schools

- 25 FALL BREAK

- 30 Chapter Ten continued

November

The following assignments are from Irons, God on Trial.

- 01 pages xi to 43
- 06 same
- 08 pages 44 to 82
- 13 pages 83 to 135
- 15 pages 182 to 234
- 20 same – MULTI-CULTURAL OBSERVATIONS (FIELD EXPERIENCE) MUST BE COMPLETED AND ALL PAPER-WORK TURNED IN.

- 22 Thanksgiving Break

- 27 pages 234 to 280
- 29 same

December

- 04 pages 281 to 338 (NO CLASS)

06 pages 339 to 350

13 Final Exam 12:00 – 3:00 p.m.

18 Grades due

Course Grade: The midterm and the final will each count 40% of the course grade. Each of the short papers will count 5% of the course grade. The field-experience will count 10%. Faithful attendance in class is expected. Students will be allowed to miss three classes with no penalty. Beginning with the fourth missed class, the penalty will be 2% of the course grade for each day that is missed.