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Reading List for Oral Exams
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Croly, Herbert, *The Promise of American Life* (1914)
Dreiser, Theodore, *Sister Carrie*
Hofstadter, Richard, *Social Darwinism in American Thought* (1959)

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Progressive and Liberal
Hartz, Louis, *The Liberal Tradition in America: An Interpretation of American Political Thought Since the Revolution* (1955)
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Sombart, Werner, *Why is there no Socialism in the United States?*

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Lewis, Sinclair, *Babbitt*
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Formisano, Ronald P. *Boston Against Busing: Race, Class, and Ethnicity in the 1960s and 1970s* (1991)

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