History 101: American History to the Civil War Era,
The Origins and Growth of the US

Spring 1992
M, W, F 9:55-10:45 a.m.
2650 Humanities

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263-1972/263-1800
Office Hours:
M, W 10:45 am - 12:15 pm

This course will survey major social, political, and economic developments in American history from the origins of European settlement to the Civil War. The course will also consider how these major events both shaped, and were shaped by, the American people individually and in groups. Particular attention will be paid to the ways in which factors such as race, gender, class, ethnicity, religion, and region shaped historical events and people’s responses to these events.

The following books are required reading for the course. They are available for purchase at the University Bookstore, and are on reserve at the College Library (Helen C. White Hall).

Thomas Dublin, Women At Work
Robert Gross, The Minutemen and Their World
John Farragher, Sugar Creek
James Henretta, et al., America’s History to 1877
Edmund Morgan, American Slavery, American Freedom

Course Requirements: In addition to regular attendance at lectures and sections, there are the following written requirements:

- 2 in-class exams, each based on a series of identification questions which students must answer in complete paragraphs
- a mid-term paper, based on a choice of topics to be given out in advance
- a take-home final exam, composed of two essays

Final term grades will be based on the following formula:

First in-class exam 15%
Mid-term paper 25%
Second in-class exam 15%
Final exam 30%
Class participation 15%

Since

January 22
Introduction to the Course

January 24
"Making History"
Henretta, pp. v-viii, 3
January 27  "The Land Before Time"

January 29  "The People Before History"
Henretta, pp. 17-21, 32-37, 43-44
Morgan, pp. 44-58

January 31  European Exploration of the New World
Henretta, pp. 16, 24
Morgan, pp. 6-43

The First European Colonies

February 3  - Virginia
Henretta, pp. 39-41, 44-51
Morgan, pp. 71-157

February 5  - New England
Henretta, pp. 29, 41-43, 51-61

February 7  - The Middle Colonies
Henretta, pp. 38

The Transformation of the Colonies

February 10 - Virginia
Henretta, pp. 74-83, 100-101
Morgan, pp. 158-319, 327-362

February 12 - New England
Henretta, pp. 90-98
Gross, pp. 10-29, 74-108

February 14 - The Middle Colonies
Henretta, pp. 98-100, 105-111

February 17  The Origins of the Southern Colonies
Henretta, pp. 102-105

February 19  1st IN-CLASS EXAM

February 21  The Great Awakening
Henretta, pp. 128-135

February 24  The Enlightenment and Colonial Culture
Henretta, p. 89, 111-128

February 26  Changes in Colonial Policy and the Colonial Economy
Henretta, pp. 62-74, 84-88, 135-141
February 28  Prologue to Revolution
Henretta, pp. 142-177
Morgan, pp. 3-6, 363-387
Gross, pp. 3-9, 30-67

The American Revolution

March 2  - The Political and Diplomatic Dimensions
Henretta, pp. 178-181, 192-195, Appendixes I-II

March 4  - The Military Dimensions
Henretta, pp. 182-189
Gross, pp. 68-74, 109-132

March 6  - The Social and Economic Dimensions
Henretta, pp. 189-192
Gross, pp. 133-170

Mid-Term Paper Due

March 16  Securing the Revolution
Henretta, pp. 195-202
Gross, pp. 171-191

March 18  The Context of the Constitution
Henretta, pp. 202-207, Appendixes III-IX

March 20  The Political Culture of the Early Republic
Henretta, pp. 209-214, 217-221, 229-234

The Emergence of the Nineteenth Century

March 23  - Transformations of the American Economy
Henretta, pp. 215-216, 261-269
Dublin, pp. 1-22

March 25  - Transformations of American Diplomacy
Henretta, pp. 234-240

March 27  - Transformations of American Culture & Religion
Henretta, pp. 253-261, 271-279, 284-304, 370-379, 401-408

March 30  From Good Feeling to Party Sentiment: Changing Political Culture, 1815-1840
Henretta, pp. 280-284, 342-343, 352-357, 360-368, 429-430
April 1 Early Industrialization & the American Worker
Henretta, pp. 307-318, 335-340, 348-352, 418-419
Dublin, pp. 23-74, 86-164, 183-207

April 3 The Roots of American Urban Society & Culture
Henretta, pp. 319-322, 328-334, 423-429
Dublin, pp. 75-85, 165-182

April 6 2nd IN-CLASS EXAM

April 8 The Worlds of Antebellum Reform
Henretta, pp. 343-348, 379-384, 392-400

April 10 The Social and Economic Dimensions of Westward Migration
Henretta, pp. 221-226, 322-327
Farragher, pp. 3-9, 39-75, 96-118, 130-233

April 13 Disposessing the Native American
Henretta, pp. 227-230, 243-245, 357-360
Farragher, pp. 10-36

Slavery and the Antebellum South

April 15 - Economics and Politics
Henretta, pp. 246-248, 388-390

April 17 Good Friday

April 20 - Labor, Social Structure, and Culture
Henretta, pp. 248-252, 409-418

April 22 The Emergence of American Abolitionism
Henretta, pp. 384-388, 390-392

April 24 Manifest Destiny, Westward Expansion, & The Mexican War
Henretta, pp. 420-423, 431-436

April 27 Sectional Politics and Sectional Crisis
Henretta, pp. 436-454

The Civil War

April 29 - On the Battlefield
Henretta, pp. 455-461, 467-469, 471-480
May 1        - On the Homefront
             Henretta, pp. 462-467, 470-471

May 4        The Aftermath of the War & the Destruction of Slavery
             Henretta, pp. 496-502

May 6        Reconstructing the South and the Nation
             Henretta, pp. 481-496, 502-507, Appendixes XX-XI

May 8        1876 and 1877 - Toward a New Era?
             Henretta, pp. 507-511

FINAL EXAM DUE ON WEDNESDAY, MAY 13, 12:25 P.M.