WEEK 1  The Study of History: Some Introductory Remarks

Required reading:  None.

Background: Colonial Development from a European Perspective

Required reading:  None.


WEEK 2  The Great Trans-Atlantic Migration: Demographic Forces and Personal Motivations

Required reading:  Jerome Reich, Colonial America, chs. 5, 12. (on reserve Historical Society & H.C. White); Edmund Morgan, The Puritan Dilemma, pp. 3-53.

Optional reading:  Perry Miller, Errand into the Wilderness, pp. 1-15, 141-152.

WEEK 3  The Formation of New Societies: The Compromise of Ideals in the Face of Reality

Required reading:  G. Nash, et. al., The American People, ch. 2; E.S. Morgan, The Puritan Dilemma, pp. 54-173.

WEEK 4 Pre-European America: Varieties of Native American Cultures

Required reading: G. Nash, et. al., The American People, ch. 1; James Brown, "America before Columbus." (on reserve Historical Society and H.C. White)


WEEK 5 The Diversity of Colonial Societies in the New World

Required reading: G. Nash, et. al., The American People, Chs. 3-4; Donald R. Wright, African Americans in the Colonial Era, chapter 3 (on reserve Historical Society and H.C. White); J.R. Reich, Colonial America, chs. 18-19, 23. (on reserve Historical Society and H.C. White)


WEEK 6 Conflicts and Consensus in Colonial America

Required reading: G. Nash, et. al., The American People, ch. 5.

Optional reading: G. Nash, Red, White and Black, Chs. 5-6.

WEEK 7 Colonial America: Context for Revolution

Required reading: Eric Foner, Tom Paine and Revolutionary America (ch. 7 is optional).


The American Rebellion of '76

Required reading: G. Nash, et. al., The American People, ch. 6; "American Revolution Packet." (on reserve Historical Society and H.C. White)

WEEK 8  Building a Nation State: 1789-1814

Required reading:  G. Nash, et. al., The American People, chs. 7-9; The Constitution of the United States.


WEEK 9  MARCH 21 -- FIRST MID-TERM EXAMINATION
         MARCH 23 -- NO LECTURE

WEEK 10  SPRING BREAK: MARCH 26-APRIL 4

WEEKS 11-12  The Movable Community: Growth and Diversity of American Society, 1800-1860

Required reading:  G.B. Nash, et. al., The American People, ch 10; Mary Ryan, Cradle of the Middle Class, pp. 1-242.


WEEK 13  Reform and Reaction in the American Republic: 1800-1860

Required reading:  Alexis de Tocqueville, Democracy in America (pages to be assigned by TA's).

Optional reading:  None.

WEEK 14  Democracy and Excess: 1820-1840


APRIL 27 -- 2ND MID-TERM IN LECTURE
WEEK 15  American Slavery and the Plantation Economy

F. Douglass, *A Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass*.


MAY 4 -- NO LECTURE SESSION

WEEK 16  Political Conflict and the American Civil War


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