History 101
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COURSE DESCRIPTION: This course begins with the convergence of European, native American, and African cultures in the New World, and then explores the English colonial experience and the creation and development of the United States. Major topics include the diversity of the English colonies; the origins, nature, and consequences of the American Revolution; the evolution of a unique republic; economic growth; continental expansion and sectionalism; slavery and race relations; the changing roles and status of women; the Civil War; and Reconstruction.

TEACHING METHODOLOGY: There will be four lectures per week. Discussions of the readings will take place within the scheduled lecture time. Each student is expected to complete the week's reading assignment on time and to participate actively and intelligently in the discussion.

GRADING: Grades will be based on participation in discussion, one midterm exam, and a final exam.

REQUIRED READINGS:
Available at the University Bookstore:

CLASS SCHEDULE

Part I: The Coming Together of Cultures

June 19  Registration
June 20  Introduction/America before European contact
         READ: Norton, 5-19
June 21  The Old World: Europe and Africa
June 22  The Columbian Exchange
         READ: Taking Sides, Issue 2

June 26  The Development of European Empires
         READ: Norton, 19-28, 47-53
June 27  England on the Eve of Expansion
         READ: Taking Sides, Issue 3
June 28  English Expansion: Ireland, the West Indies, and the Chesapeake
June 29  The Origins of American Slavery
         READ: Taking Sides, Issue 4

July 3   Puritanism
         READ: Norton, 28-114
         Taking Sides, Issue 1
July 4   Independence Day (NO CLASS)
July 5   New England: the first century
         READ: Taking Sides, Issue 6
July 6   An Empire of Trade/the Indians New World

July 10  America at midcentury
         READ: Norton, 114-150

Part II: The Transforming Radicalism of Revolution

July 11  Awakening and Enlightenment
         READ: Gross, 3-132
         Taking Sides, Issue 5
July 12  American Politics to 1770
July 13  The War for Independence

July 17  Confederation and Constitution
         READ: Norton, 154-178
         Gross, 133-170
         Taking Sides, Issue 7
July 18  MIDTERM EXAM
PART III: The Implications of Republicanism

July 19  Launching the Republican Experiment/The Implications of Liberty  
        READ: Norton, 181-221
July 20  The Jeffersonian Dilemma  
        READ: Gross, 171-190
                Taking Sides, Issue 8
July 24  The Transportation Revolution  
        READ: Norton, 222-265, 276-280, 325-350
July 25  Jacksonian Democracy  
        READ: Taking Sides, Issue 10
July 26  Women's Sphere  
        READ: Taking Sides, Issue 9
July 27  Reform  
        READ: Taking Sides, Issue 11
July 30  The Black Experience in Antebellum America  
        READ: Norton, 269-276, 280-320, 355-382
                Taking Sides, Issue 13
August 1 Westward Expansion and the Mexican War  
        READ: Taking Sides, Issue 12
August 2 The Collapse of the Second Party System  
        READ: Taking Sides, Issue 15
August 3 The House Divides  
        READ: Taking Sides, Issue 14
August 7 The War for Union  
        READ: Norton, 383-447  
                Taking Sides, Issue 16
August 8 The Death of Slavery and Reconstruction  
        READ: Taking Sides, Issue 17
August 9 Centennial America
August 10 FINAL EXAMINATION