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Semester I, 1988-89

History 393  Civil War and Reconstruction  Mr. Sewell

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Required Texts:
David Donald, Liberty and Union. D.C. Heath
Steven Channing, Crisis of Fear. Norton.
T. Harry Williams, Lincoln and His Generals.
Albion Tourgee, A Fool's Errand (George Fredrickson, ed.). Harper & Row

Lecture Topics:
Part I: A HOUSE DIVIDED

September  6 Introduction
  8 Americans at Mid-Century
 11 The Ruling Race: Slavery and Southern Whites
 13 The Slave Community: Life in the Quarters
 15 Abolitionism: From Moral Suasion to Political Action
 18 Legacy of the Mexican War and the Election of 1848
 20 The "Compromise" of 1850
 22 Collapse of Compromise
 25 Nativism and the Know-Nothing Movement
 27 "A Hell of a Storm": The Kansas-Nebraska Act
 29 Birth of the Republican Party

October  2 Disruption of the Democracy
  4 John Brown's Private War
  6 Election of 1860 and the Secession of the Lower South
9 The North Responds to Secession
11 The Fort Sumter Crisis
13 Review
16 FIRST HOUR EXAMINATION

Part II: A NEW BIRTH OF FREEDOM

October
18 The Union Mobilizes for War
20 The Confederacy Mobilizes for War
23 Jefferson Davis and His Critics
25 Republicans, War Democrats, and Copperheads
27 King Cotton Diplomacy
30 Robert E. Lee and the Road to Appomattox

November
1 Mr. Lincoln's Army
3 "Some of the Boys"
6 Abraham Lincoln and the Race Question
8 Afro-Americans and the Destruction of Slavery
10 From Contraband to Freedmen
13 Murder at Ford's Theater and the End of the War
15 Review
17 SECOND HOUR EXAMINATION

Part III: RECONSTRUCTION

November
20 Lincoln's Plan of Reconstruction
22 The Port Royal Experiment
27 Andrew Johnson and Reconstruction
29 Triumph of the Radicals

December
1 "Radical" Reconstruction
4 Impeachment of a President
6 "Carpetbag Rule": Fact and Fiction
After Slavery: The Black Response to Reconstruction

11 The Grant Era

13 End of Reconstruction

15 Review

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