UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON
Department of History
Semester I, 1990-91

History 393  Civil War and Reconstruction  Mr. Sewell

Required Texts:
David Donald, *Liberty and Union*. D.C. Heath
Albion Tourgee, *A Fool's Errand* (George Fredrickson, ed.). Harper & Row

Lecture Topics:
Part I:  A HOUSE DIVIDED

September 5 Introduction
7  Americans at Mid-Century
10  The Ruling Race: Slavery and Southern Whites
12  The Slave Community: Life in the Quarters
14  Abolitionism: From Moral Suasion to Political Action
17  Legacy of the Mexican War and the Election of 1848
19  The "Compromise" of 1850
21  Collapse of Compromise
24  Nativism and the Know-Nothing Movement
26  "A Hell of a Storm": The Kansas-Nebraska Act
28  Birth of the Republican Party

October 1  Disruption of the Democracy
3  John Brown's Private War
5  Election of 1860 and the Secession of the Lower South
8 The North Responds to Secession
10 The Fort Sumter Crisis
12 Review
15 FIRST HOUR EXAMINATION

Part II: A NEW BIRTH OF FREEDOM

October
17 The Union Mobilizes for War
19 The Confederacy Mobilizes for War
22 Jefferson Davis and His Critics
24 Republicans, War Democrats, and Copperheads
26 King Cotton Diplomacy
29 Robert E. Lee and the Road to Appomattox
31 Mr. Lincoln's Army

November
2 "Some of the Boys"
5 Abraham Lincoln and the Race Question
7 African-Americans and the Destruction of Slavery
9 From Contraband to Freedmen
12 Murder at Ford's Theater and the End of the War
14 Review
16 SECOND HOUR EXAMINATION

Part III: RECONSTRUCTION

November
19 Lincoln's Plan of Reconstruction
21 The Port Royal Experiment
26 Andrew Johnson and Reconstruction
28 Triumph of the Radicals
30 "Radical" Reconstruction

December
3 Impeachment of a President
5 "Carpetbag Rule": Fact and Fiction
After Slavery: The Black Response to Reconstruction

The Grant Era

End of Reconstruction

Review

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