

UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN

Department of History

Semester II, 1993-94

History 101  
American History, 1620-1865

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263-1800

WEEK 1 The Study of History: Some Introductory Remarks

Required reading: None.

Background: Colonial Development from a European Perspective

Required reading: None.

Optional reading: E.A. Wrigley, Population and History, pp. 62-143;  
P. Deane, The First Industrial Revolution, pp. 20-83;  
E. Wallerstein, The Modern World System.

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.

Optional reading: Gary B. Nash, Red, White and Black, chs. 1-4;  
K.A. Lockridge, A New England Town, pp. 1-90.

- 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)
- Optional reading: Richard S. MacNeish, "The Origins of New World Agriculture," Scientific American (1964); Gordon Willey, (ed.), Prehistoric Settlement Patterns in the New World.
- 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)
- Optional reading: James Henretta, The Evolution of American Society, 1700-1815.
- 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).
- Optional reading: Jack P. Green (ed.), The Reinterpretation of the American Revolution, 1763-1789; Merrill Jensen, The Founding of a Nation, (1968).
- 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)
- Optional reading: B. Bailyn, The Ideological Origins of the American Revolution; John Shy, A People Numerous and Armed.

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.

Optional reading: Gordon S. Wood, The Creation of the American Republic, 1776-1787; Merrill Jensen, The New Nation; John Howe, From the Revolution through the Age of Jackson, pp. 1-174.

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.

Optional reading: R.A. Bartlett, The New Country, particularly pp. 3-18, 237-52, 274-398; Oscar Handlin, Boston's Immigrants, pp. 1-123; David Ward, Cities and Immigrants, pp. 3-46; Anthony Wallace, Rockdale; Paul Johnson, A Shopkeeper's Millennium; Susanne Lebsack, The Free Women of Petersburg.

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

Required reading: G. Nash, et. al., The American People, chs. 12-13.

Optional reading: Edward Pessen, Jacksonian America, (1979).

APRIL 27 -- 2ND MID-TERM IN LECTURE

WEEK 15 American Slavery and the Plantation Economy

Required reading: G. Nash, et. al., The American People, ch 11;  
F. Douglass, A Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass.

Optional reading: H.B. Stowe, Uncle Tom's Cabin; J.H. Bracey, et. al.,  
American Slavery; E.G. Genovese, Roll, Jordon, Roll.

MAY 4 -- NO LECTURE SESSION

WEEK 16 Political Conflict and the American Civil War

Required reading: G. Nash, et. al., The American People, ch. 14 (15-16  
are optional); G.B. Forgie, Patricide in the House  
Divided (sections to be assigned).

Optional reading: Eric Foner, Free Soil, Free Labor: The Ideology of the  
Republican Party; Edwin C. Rozwene (ed.), The  
Causes of the American Civil War; K.M. Stamp (ed.),  
The Causes of the Civil War.

FINAL EXAMINATION

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