

UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON
Department of History
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History 393

Civil War and Reconstruction

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Required Texts:

- David Donald, Liberty and Union. Heath.
Kenneth Stampp, The Imperiled Union. Oxford.
Steven Channing, Crisis of Fear. Norton.
T. Harry Williams, Lincoln and His Generals. Vintage.
James L. Roark, Masters Without Slaves. Norton.
W. McKee Evans, Ballots and Fence Rails. Norton.

Lecture Topics:

- Part One: The House Divided
- September 3 Introduction
5 American People in 1848
8 Slavery and Southern Whites
10 The Slave Community: Life in the Quarters
12 Abolitionism: From Moral Suasion to Political Action
15 Legacy of the Mexican War and the Election of 1848
17 Compromise of 1850
19 Collapse of Compromise
22 Nativism and the Know-Nothing Movement
24 "A Hell of a Storm": The Kansas-Nebraska Act
26 Birth of the Republican Party
29 Disruption of the Democracy
- October 1 John Brown's Private War
3 Election of 1860 and the Secession of the Lower South
6 Northern Response to Secession
8 Fort Sumter Crisis
10 Causes of the Civil War: An Historiographical Perspective

October	13	Review
	15	FIRST HOUR EXAMINATION
Part Two:		A New Birth of Freedom
October	17	Call to Arms
	20	Strategic Goals and the Balance of Forces
	22	Civil War Diplomacy
	24	The War at Home: North
	27	The War at Home: South
	29	The First Modern War Begins
	31	Stalemate in the East
November	3	Grant, Sherman, and the Road to Appomattox
	5	"Some of the Boys" (film)
	7	"Emancipation with Clogs On"
	10	The Destruction of Slavery
	12	Black Soldiers, Black Freedmen
	14	Review
	17	SECOND HOUR EXAMINATION
Part Three:		Reconstruction
November	19	Lincoln's Plan of Reconstruction
	21	The Port Royal Experiment
	24	Andrew Johnson and Reconstruction
	26	Triumph of the Radicals
December	1	Impeachment of a President
	3	"Carpetbag Rule": Fact and Fiction
	5	After Slavery: The Black Response to Reconstruction
	8	The Grant Era
	10	End of Reconstruction
	12	Review
OFFICE HOURS:		Monday and Wednesday, 2:30-3:30 or by appointment, 5109 Humanities