

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. D.C. Heath

Kenneth Stampp, The Imperiled Union. Oxford.

Steven Channing, Crisis of Fear. Norton.

Joseph E. Persico, My Enemy, My Brother. Collier.

James L. Roark, Masters Without Slaves. Norton.

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:		<u>RECONSTRUCTION</u>
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

- 7 After Slavery: The Black Response to Reconstruction
- 10 The Grant Era
- 12 End of Reconstruction
- 14 Review

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