

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

Frederick Douglass, Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass
(David W. Blight, ed.) St. Martin's

Steven Channing, Crisis of Fear. Norton

Philip S. Paludan, Victims: A True Story of the Civil War. Tennessee

Albion Tourgee, A Fool's Errand (George Fredrickson, ed.). Harper & Row

Selected Documents. Kinko's

Lecture Topics:

Part I: A HOUSE DIVIDED

September 3 Introduction

8 Americans at Mid-Century

10 The Peculiar Institution

13 "The Ruling Race": Slavery and Southern Whites

15 The Moral Crusade Against Slavery

17 Legacy of the Mexican War and the Election of 1848

20 The "Compromise" of 1850

22 Collapse of Compromise

24 Nativism and the Know-Nothing Movement

27 "A Hell of a Storm": The Kansas-Nebraska Act

29 Birth of the Republican Party

October 1 Disruption of the Democracy

4 John Brown's Private War

6 Election of 1860 and the Secession of the Lower South

8 The North Responds to Secession

11 Review
 13 FIRST HOUR EXAMINATION

Part II: A NEW BIRTH OF FREEDOM

October 15 Fort Sumter Crisis
 18 The Union Mobilizes for War
 20 The Confederacy Mobilizes for War
 22 Jefferson Davis and His Critics
 25 Republicans, War Democrats, and Copperheads
 27 King Cotton Diplomacy
 29 Robert E. Lee and the Road to Appomattox

November 1 Mr. Lincoln's Army
 3 Billy Yank and Johnny Reb
 5 Abraham Lincoln and the Race Question
 8 The Destruction of Slavery
 10 Blacks in Blue and Gray
 12 Murder at Ford's Theater and the End of the War
 15 Review
 17 SECOND HOUR EXAMINATION

Part III: RECONSTRUCTION

November 19 Lincoln's Plan of Reconstruction
 22 The Port Royal Experiment
 24 Andrew Johnson and Reconstruction
 29 Triumph of the Radicals

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

- 10 The Grant Era
- 13 End of Reconstruction
- 15 Review

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