READINGS IN THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

Former President Ford once claimed that the United States was not founded by revolutionaries. This course seeks to determine the validity of his remark.

Readings

Each week everyone will read both the common "core" assignment and a unique "secondary reading." I will assign the secondary readings for the first week; thereafter, each individual will be free to choose the work that most interests him/her, except that the liberty of some "volunteers" may be sacrificed to ensure that interpretive diversity prevails.

All books assigned as core readings are available for purchase at the University Book Store (with the exception of Gary Nash, Race and Revolution) and have also been placed on three-hour reserve at the State Historical Library for the semester. The secondary readings will be available on three-day reserve at the Library. (A few non-circulating journals live in the Main Reading Room at the Library, and a few readings also needed by undergraduates will be on three-hour reserve).

Written Assignments

You will write three papers, 7-8 pages, typed, double-spaced. You may choose which 2 of the first 4 papers to attempt; everyone must write the final essay. The paper topics are intended to cover the readings most recently covered, but I encourage you to bring in material from throughout the course (and elsewhere, if you can). You may write on another topic that covers the reading after first discussing your ideas with me.

DUE FRIDAY, OCT. 5 - How responsible were the elites of Great Britain and the colonies for the breakdown of British authority by 1775?

DUE FRIDAY, OCT. 19 - Assess the importance of ideology in propelling the American resistance movement and war effort.

DUE FRIDAY, NOV. 16 - Identify the most significant transformation in American society from 1765-90, and explain both how and why this transformation came about.

DUE FRIDAY, NOV. 30 - Is it at all valid to speak about the existence of an American nation between 1781 and 1789? If not, why not? If so, who and/or what comprised it?

DUE FRIDAY, DEC. 14 - Having defined the term "popular movement," discuss the importance of popular movements in American politics, 1760-1795.
II. THE RESISTANCE MOVEMENT

Sept. 18 - Paranoid Patriots

Core reading: Bernard Bailyn, THE IDEOLOGICAL ORIGINS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

Overview


Liberalism

J. E. Crowley, THIS SHEBA, SELF, 125-57

Religion as Ideology

Patricia Bonomi, UNDER THE COPE OF HEAVEN, 187-216
Charles L. Cohen, "The 'Liberty or Death' Speech: A Note on Religion and Revolutionary Rhetoric," WMQ, 3d ser., 38 (1981), 702-17
Alan Heimert, RELIGION AND THE AMERICAN MIND, 413-53
Harry Stout, THE NEW ENGLAND SOUL, 259-81
Donald Weber, RHETORIC AND HISTORY IN REVOLUTIONARY NEW ENGLAND, 91-112

The Radical Critique


The Paranoid Style


Ideas and Transformation

Edmund S. Morgan, CHALLENGE OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION, 60-87
Sept. 25 - Crowning Assumptions

Core reading: Richard Bushman, KING AND PEOPLE IN PROVINCIAL MASSACHUSETTS

Secondary reading:

From Monarchism to Republicanism

Pauline Maier, FROM RESISTANCE TO REVOLUTION, 271-96
Jerrilyn Marston, KING AND PEOPLE, 35-65

Politics in Massachusetts

Richard D. Brown, REVOLUTIONARY POLITICS IN MASSACHUSETTS, 92-122
Robert A. Gross, THE MINUTEMEN AND THEIR WORLD, 30-67
Gregory Nobles, DIVISIONS THROUGHOUT THE WHOLE: POLITICS AND SOCIETY IN HAMPSHIRE COUNTY, MASSACHUSETTS, 1740-1775, 155-87
Stephen E. Patterson, POLITICAL PARTIES IN REVOLUTIONARY MASSACHUSETTS, 63-90
William Pencak, WAR, POLITICS, AND REVOLUTION IN PROVINCIAL MASSACHUSETTS, 185-212

Social Structure and Political Behavior

Robert E. Brown, MIDDLE-CLASS DEMOCRACY AND THE REVOLUTION IN MASSACHUSETTS, 196-232, 401-408
Allan Kulikoff, "The Transition to Capitalism in Rural America," William and Mary Quarterly, 3d ser., 46 (1989), 120-44
Jackson Turner Main, SOCIETY AND ECONOMY IN COLONIAL CONNECTICUT, 115-73
Daniel Vickers, "Competency and Competition: Economic Culture in Early America," William and Mary Quarterly, 3d ser., 47 (1990), 3-29

The Sociopolitical Basis of Ideology

Bernard Bailyn, ORIGINS OF AMERICAN POLITICS, 106-61
Timothy Breen, TOBACCO CULTURE, 1-39
October 2 - Foules or Fools?

Core reading: Gary Nash, THE URBAN CRUCIBLE

Secondary reading:

Overview


Crowd Action

Edward Countryman, A PEOPLE IN REVOLUTION, 36-71
Paul Gilje, THE ROAD TO MOBOCRACY, 37-68
Dirk Hoerder, "Boston Leaders and Boston Crowds, 1765-1776," in Alfred F. Young, ed., THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION, 231-71
Pauline Maier, FROM RESISTANCE TO REVOLUTION, 77-112
Pauline Maier, THE OLD REVOLUTIONARIES, 3-50
John Phillip Reid, IN A DEFIANT STANCE: THE CONDITIONS OF LAW IN MASSACHUSETTS BAY, THE IRISH COMPARISON, AND THE COMING OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION, 160-73
Steven Rosswurm, ARMS, COUNTRY, AND CLASS, 13-48
Peter Shaw, AMERICAN PATRIOTS AND THE RITUALS OF REVOLUTION, 204-31
Hiller Zobel, THE BOSTON MASSACRE, 24-59

Artisans and Mechanics

Eric Foner, TOM PAINE AND REVOLUTIONARY AMERICA, 17-69
Charles Olton, ARTISANS FOR INDEPENDENCE, 49-80
Sean Wilentz, CHANTS DEMOCRATIC: NEW YORK CITY AND THE RISE OF THE AMERICAN WORKING CLASS, 1788-1850, 61-103
Alfred P. Young, "English Plebeian Culture and Eighteenth-Century American Radicalism," in Margaret Jacob and James Jacob, eds., THE ORIGINS OF ANGLO-AMERICAN RADICALISM, 185-212
Oct. 9 - The (Paine) Webber Thesis

Core reading: Thomas Doerflinger, A VIGOROUS SPIRIT OF ENTERPRISE

Secondary reading:

Merchants in the Resistance and the War

- Joseph Albert Ernst, MONEY AND POLITICS IN AMERICA, 1755-1775, 89-133
- Benjamin Labaree, PATRIOTS & PARTISANS: THE MERCHANTS OF NEWBURYPORT, 16-42
- Pauline Maier, THE OLD REVOLUTIONARIES, 51-100
- Edward C. Papenfuse, IN PURSUIT OF PROFIT: THE ANnapolis MERCHANTS IN THE ERA OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION, 35-75
- John W. Tyler, SMUGGLERS AND PATRIOTS, 139-169

The Economy of Revolutionary America

- Marc Egnal and Joseph Ernst, "An Economic Interpretation of the American Revolution," William and Mary Quarterly, 3d ser., 29 (1972), 3-32
- James F. Shepherd, "British America and the Atlantic Economy," in Hoffman, et al., ECONOMY OF EARLY AMERICA, 3-44

Economic Policy and Politics

- Robert A. East, BUSINESS ENTERPRISE IN THE AMERICAN REVOLUTIONARY ERA, 126-48
- E. James Ferguson, THE POWER OF THE PURSE, 125-45
- Eric Foner, TOM Paine AND REVOLUTIONARY AMERICA, 145-82
- Jackson Turner Main, THE SOVEREIGN STATES, 1775-1783, 222-68
- Curtis Nettles, THE EMERGENCE OF A NATIONAL ECONOMY, 1775-1815, 23-44
- Janet A. Riesman, "Money, Credit, and Federalist Political Economy," in Richard Beeman, et al., BEYOND CONFEDERATION, 128-61
III. THE WAR

Oct. 16 — Armed Virtue

Core reading: Charles Royster, A REVOLUTIONARY PEOPLE AT WAR

Overviews


The Nature of the War

Thomas C. Barrow, "The American Revolution as a Colonial War for Independence," William and Mary Quarterly, 3d ser., 25 (1968), 452-64

The Army and Society

E. Wayne Carp, "TO STARVE THE ARMY AT PLEASURE", 99-135
Lawrence Delbert Cress, CITIZENS IN ARMS, 51-74
James Kirby Martin and Mark Edward Lender, A RESPECTABLE ARMY, 65-98

Loyalism and the Struggle for Popular Support

Bernard Bailyn, THE ORDEAL OF THOMAS HUTCHINSON, 196-220, 375-80
Richard Buel, DEAR LIBERTY, 81-137
Jeffrey J. Crow, "Liberty Men and Loyalists: Disorder and Disaffection in the North Carolina Backcountry," in Ronald Hoffman, et al., eds., AN UNCIVIL WAR, 125-78
John Shy, A PEOPLE NUMEROUS AND ARMED, 193-224
IV. REVOLUTIONARY SOCIETY

Oct. 23 - The Grace of the Gentry

Core reading: Rhys Isaac, THE TRANSFORMATION OF VIRGINIA, 1740-1790

Secondary reading:

Church, State and Society

Richard Beeman, THE EVOLUTION OF THE SOUTHERN BACKCOUNTRY, 96-117, 140-59
Thomas E. Buckley, CHURCH AND STATE IN REVOLUTIONARY VIRGINIA, 1776-1787, 144-82
Thomas J. Curry, THE FIRST FREEDOMS, 134-58
Wesley Gewehr, THE GREAT AWAKENING IN VIRGINIA, 1740-1790, 187-219
Jan Lewis, THE PURSUIT OF HAPPINESS: FAMILY AND VALUES IN JEFFERSON'S VIRGINIA, 40-68
Norman Risjord, CHESAPEAKE POLITICS, 1780-1800, 192-218

Chesapeake Culture

Allan Kulikoff, TOBACCO AND SLAVES, 261-313
Mechal Sobel, THE WORLD THEY MADE TOGETHER, 178-213

Political Culture and Resistance

Timothy Breen, TOBACCO CULTURE, 124-59
Emory Evans, "Planter Indebtedness and the Coming of the Revolution in Virginia," William and Mary Quarterly, 3d ser., 19 (1962), 511-33
John Selby, THE REVOLUTION IN VIRGINIA, 1775-1783, 7-40
Charles S. Sydnor, GENTLEMEN FREEHOLDERS, 39-77, 112-19
Oct. 30 - Black Power

Core readings: Gary Nash, FORGING FREEDOM, 1-211; Gary Nash, RACE AND REVOLUTION, chs. 1-3 [Note: this work is on reserve only]

Secondary reading:

Afro-American Cultures

William D. Piersen, BLACK YANKEES, 117-60
Shane White, "'We Dwell in Safety and Pursue Our Honest Callings': Free Blacks in New York City, 1783-1810," Journal of Am. History, 445-70
Peter Wood, "'Taking Care of Business' in Revolutionary South Carolina: Republicanism and the Slave Society," in Jeffrey Crow and Larry Tise, THE SOUTHERN EXPERIENCE IN THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION, 268-93

Slavery and Society

Jack P. Greene, "'Slavery or Independence:' Some Reflections on the Relationship Among Liberty, Black Bondage, and Equality in Revolutionary South Carolina," South Carolina Historical Magazine, 80 (1979), 193-214
Winthrop Jordan, WHITE OVER BLACK, 269-311
Russell R. Menard, "Slavery, Economic Growth, and Revolutionary Ideology in the South Carolina Lowcountry," in Ronald Hoffman, et al., THE ECONOMY OF EARLY AMERICA, 244-74
Benjamin Quarles, "The Revolutionary War as a Black Declaration of Independence," in Berlin and Hoffman, SLAVERY AND FREEDOM, 283-301

Anti-slavery

Jean R. Soderlund, QUAKERS AND SLAVERY: A DIVIDED SPIRIT, 148-87
Larry Tise, PROSLAVERY, 12-40
William Wiecek, THE SOURCES OF ANTI-SLAVERY CONSTITUTIONALISM IN AMERICA, 1760-1848, 40-61
History 901, sec. 3, Readings in the American Revolution, 12

Nov. 7 - The Republic of Mothers

Core reading: Linda K. Kerber, WOMEN OF THE REPUBLIC

Secondary reading:

Overviews


Gender, Republicanism, and Ideology

Jay Fliegelman, PRODIGALS & PILGRIMS, 123-54
Melvin Yazawa, FROM COLONIES TO COMMONWEALTH, [pp. TBA]

Lives

Joy Day Buel and Richard Buel, Jr., THE WAY OF DUTY, 105-44
Sally D. Mason, "Mama, Rachel, and Molly: Three Generations of Carroll Women," in Hoffman and Albert, WOMEN IN THE AGE, 244-89
Mary Beth Norton, "'A Cherished Spirit of Independence: The Life of an Eighteenth-Century Boston Businesswoman," in Carol Berkin and Mary Beth Norton, WOMEN OF AMERICA, 48-67

Women in Society

Joan Jensen, LOOSENING THE BONDS, 145-66
Mary Beth Norton, LIBERTY'S DAUGHTERS, 155-94
Mary Beth Norton, "'What an Alarming Crisis is This': Southern Women and the American Revolution," in Jeffrey J. Crow and Larry E. Tise, eds., THE SOUTHERN EXPERIENCE IN THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION, 203-34
Marylynn Salmon, "Republican Sentiment, Economic Change, and the Property Rights of Women in American Law," in Hoffman & Albert, WOMEN, 447-75
Nov. 14 - The People, Yes

Core reading: Merrill Jensen, THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION WITHIN AMERICA

Secondary reading:

The Revolution as a Democratic Movement

Robert E. Brown, "Did the American Revolution Really Happen?" in George G. Suggs, Jr., ed., PERSPECTIVES ON THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION, 13-35
Robert Dinkin, VOTING IN REVOLUTIONARY AMERICA, 3-26
Jack P. Greene, "All Men are Created Equal: Some Reflections on the Character of the American Revolution: An Inaugural Lecture"
Jackson Turner Main, THE SOVEREIGN STATES, 1775-1783, 318-48
James Kirby Martin, MEN IN REBELLION, 173-96
Richard Morris, THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION RECONSIDERED, 43-91

The Nationalists

Merrill Jensen, THE NEW NATION, 54-84
Jack Rakove, THE BEGINNINGS OF NATIONAL POLITICS, 297-329

The Constitution as Counterrevolution

Richard Morris, THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION RECONSIDERED, 127-67
Benjamin Fletcher Wright, CONSENSUS AND CONTINUITY, 40-60
Alfred F. Young, "Conservatives, the Constitution, and the 'Spirit of Accommodation,'" in Goldwin and Schambra, HOW DEMOCRATIC, 117-48
V. THE AMERICAN STATE

Nov. 21 - Union Made

Core reading: Richard Morris, THE FORGING OF THE UNION

Overview


Politics: National, Regional and Local

Joseph L. Davis, SECTIONALISM IN AMERICAN POLITICS, 148-70
Jackson Turner Main, POLITICAL PARTIES BEFORE THE CONSTITUTION, 365-407
Peter Onuf, ORIGINS OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC, 149-72

The Articles of Confederation

Jack P. Greene, PERIPHERIES AND CENTER, 153-80
Merrill Jensen, "The Articles of Confederation," in FUNDAMENTAL TESTAMENTS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION, 49-80
Jack N. Rakove, THE BEGINNINGS OF NATIONAL POLITICS, 163-91

The Constitutional Convention

Calvin Jillson, CONSTITUTION MAKING: CONFLICT AND CONSENSUS IN THE FEDERAL CONVENTION OF 1787, 193-207

Ratification

Jackson Turner Main, THE ANTIFEDERALISTS, 249-81
Forrest McDonald, E PLURIBUS UNUM, 333-71
Nov. 28 - Virtue Affirmed

Core reading: Gordon Wood, THE CREATION OF THE AMERICAN REPUBLIC, 3-255

Secondary reading:

Overviews


State Constitutions

Willi Paul Adams, THE FIRST AMERICAN CONSTITUTIONS, 63-98
Eliasha Douglass, REBELS AND DEMOCRATS: THE STRUGGLE FOR EQUAL POLITICAL RIGHTS AND MAJORITY RULE DURING THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION, 187-213
Donald S. Lutz, POPULAR CONSENT AND POPULAR CONTROL; WHIG POLITICAL THEORY AND THE EARLY STATE CONSTITUTIONS, 129-49
Jackson Turner Main, THE SOVEREIGN STATES, 243-85
Ronald M. Peters, Jr., THE MASSACHUSETTS CONSTITUTION OF 1780, 115-76
                                   250-80 [Pennsylvania]
                                   281-304 [Virginia]
Benjamin Fletcher Wright, CONSENSUS AND CONTINUITY, 1-20

Revolution and Regeneration

Ruth Bloch, VISIONARY REPUBLIC, 75-115
Melvin B. Endy, Jr., "Just War, Holy War, and Millennialism in Revolutionary America," William and Mary Quarterly, 3d ser., 42 (1985), 3-26
Nathan B. Hatch, THE SACRED CAUSE OF LIBERTY, 55-96
Mark Noll, CHRISTIANS IN THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION, 49-77

Liberty

Michael Kammen, SPHERES OF LIBERTY, 17-52
Dec. 4 - Virtue Denied


Overviews

550-96
597-640

Political Discourse

Joyce Appleby, "Republicanism in Old and New Contexts," William and Mary Quarterly, 3d ser., 43 (1986), 20-34
Cathy Matson and Peter Onuf, "Toward a Republican Empire: Interest and Ideology in Revolutionary America," American Quarterly, 37 (1985), 497-531
Drew McCoy, THE ELUSIVE REPUBLIC, 105-35

The Constitution and Sovereignty

Jack P. Greene, PERIPHERIES AND CENTER, 181-217
Michael Kammen, SOVEREIGNTY AND LIBERTY, 1-32
Forrest McDonald, NOVUS ORDO SECLORUM, 2261-93
Edmund S. Morgan, INVENTING THE PEOPLE, 263-87

Federalists and Antifederalists

Donald Lutz, POPULAR CONSENT AND POPULAR CONTROL, 171-212
Herbert J. Storing, WHAT THE ANTIFEDERALISTS WERE FOR, 3-47
VI. AFTERMATH

Dec. 11 - The Significance of the Frontier

Core reading: Alan Taylor, LIBERTY MEN AND GREAT PROPRIETORS

Secondary reading:

Overviews:


Politics and Society in the Backcountry

Malcolm Rohrbough, THE TRANS-APPALACHIAN FRONTIER, 29-65

Landlords and Tenants

Sung Bok Kim, LANDLORD AND TENANT, 346-415

Backcountry Conflicts

John L. Brooke, "To the Quiet of the People: Revolutionary Settlements and Civil Unrest in Western Massachusetts, 1774-1789," WMQ, 3d ser., 46 (1989), 425-62
Barbara Karsky, "Agrarian Radicalism in the Late Revolutionary Period (1780-1795)," in Erich Angermann, ed., NEW WINE IN OLD SKINS, 87-114
Rachel Klein, "Ordering the Backcountry: the South Carolina Regulation," William and Mary Quarterly, 3d ser., 38 (1981), 661-80
Thomas Slaughter, THE WHISKEY REBELLION, 28-60, 222-28
David Szatmary, SHAYS' REBELLION, 1-36
Robert J. Taylor, WESTERN MASSACHUSETTS IN THE REVOLUTION, 128-67
A PROCLAMATION

Regarding Late Papers

Whereas it may come to pass that one or more individuals, whether through dilatoriness, dereliction, irresponsibility, or chutzpah, may seek respite and surcease from escorial demands through procrastination, delay, and downright evasion;

And whereas this unhappy happenstance contributes mightily to malfeasance on the part of parties of the second part (i.e. students, the instructed, you) and irascibility on the part of us (i.e., me);

Be it therefore known, understood, apprehended, and comprehended:

That all assignments must reach us, or be tendered to the Department Receptionist, on or by the exact hour announced in class, and that failure to comply with this wholesome and most generous regulation shall result in the assignment forfeiting one half letter grade for each day for which it is tardy (i.e. an "A" shall become an "AB"), "one day" being defined as a 24-hour period commencing at the announced hour on which the assignment is due; and that the aforementioned reduction in grade shall continue for each succeeding day of delay until either the assignment shall be remitted or its value shrunk unto nothingness. And let all acknowledge that the responsibility for our receiving papers deposited surreptitio (i.e., in my mailbox or under my door), whether timely or belated, resides with the aforementioned second part parties (i.e., you again), hence onus for the miscarriage of such items falls upon the writer's head (i.e. until I clutch your scribbles to my breast, I assume you have not turned them in, all protestations to the contrary notwithstanding).

Be it nevertheless affirmed:

That the greater part of justice residing in mercy, it may behoove us, acting entirely through our gracious prerogative, to award an extension in such cases that merit it, extensions being granted only upon consultation with us, in which case a negotiated due date shall be proclaimed; it being perfectly well understood that failure to observe this new deadline shall result in the immediate and irreversible failure of the assignment (i.e., an "F"), its value being accounted as a null set and less than that of a vile mote. It should be noted that routine disruptions to routine (i.e. lack of sleep occasioned by pink badgers dancing on the ceiling) do not conduce to mercy, but that severe dislocations brought on by Acts of God (exceedingly traumatic events to the body and/or soul, such as having the earth swallow one up on the way to delivering the assignment) perpetrated either on oneself or on one's loving kindred, do.

And we wish to trumpet forth:

That our purpose in declaiming said proclamation, is not essentially to terminate the wanton flouting of didactic intentions, but to encourage our beloved students to consult with us, and apprehend us of their difficulties aforehand (i.e., talk to me, baby), so that the cruel axe of the executioner fall not upon their Grade Point Average and smite it with a vengeance.

To which proclamation, we do affix our seal:
Sept. 11 - The First Appeasement

Core reading: Robert Tucker and David Hendrickson, *THE FALL OF THE FIRST BRITISH EMPIRE*

Secondary reading:

Overview


The Structure of British Politics

John Brewer, *PARTY, IDEOLOGY AND POPULAR POLITICS AT THE ACCESSION OF GEORGE III*, 3-25
John Derry, *ENGLISH POLITICS AND THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION*, 1-38
Richard Pares, *KING GEORGE III AND THE POLITICIANS*, 31-60
Robert A. Smith, *EIGHTEENTH-CENTURY ENGLISH POLITICS*, 68-102

Politics and the Imperial Crisis

Jack Sosin, *AGENTS AND MERCHANTS*, 108-41
P. D. G. Thomas, *BRITISH POLITICS AND THE STAMP ACT CRISIS*, 337-71
P. D. G. Thomas, *THE TOWNSHEND DUTIES CRISIS*, 232-64
Franklin Wickwire, *BRITISH SUBMINISTERS AND COLONIAL AMERICA*, 86-138

Notions of Independence

Carl Bridenbaugh, *THE SPIRIT OF '76*, 73-105
Richard Merritt, *SYMBOLS OF AMERICAN COMMUNITY*, 1735-1775, 142-82
I. THE EMPIRE AND THE COLONIES

Sept. 4 - The Imperial Connection


The Imperial Relationship

Ian R. Christie and Benjamin W. Labaree, EMPIRE OR INDEPENDENCE?, 1-24
Bernhard Knollenberg, ORIGIN OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION, 1759-1766, 11-48
Alan Rogers, EMPIRE AND LIBERTY, 105-34

Commercial Policy

Thomas Barrow, TRADE AND EMPIRE, 227-57
Oliver M. Dickerson, THE NAVIGATION ACTS AND THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION, 208-256
Lawrence Harper, "Mercantilism and the American Revolution," CANADIAN HISTORICAL REVIEW, 23 (1942), 1-16
Michael Kammen, EMPIRE AND INTEREST, 116-37

Law and the Imperial Constitution

Mary P. Clarke, PARLIAMENTARY PRIVILEGE IN THE AMERICAN COLONIES, 235-61
Jack P. Greene, PERIPHERIES AND CENTER, 105-24
James Kettner, THE DEVELOPMENT OF AMERICAN CITIZENSHIP, 1608-1870, 131-72
David Lovejoy, "Rights Imply Equality: The Case Against Admiralty Jurisdiction in America, 1764-1776," William and Mary Quarterly, 3d ser., 16 (1959), 459-84
John Phillip Reid, CONSTITUTIONAL HISTORY OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION: THE AUTHORITY OF RIGHTS, 199-237
Rewrite Policy

You may rewrite any paper (except perhaps the last, depending on time constraints), but only after talking with me about such details as the new due date and the kinds of changes to be made. You must inform me of your decision to rewrite a paper by the Friday following the class session at which I first return the original version. I will be flexible regarding the amount of time you may have for revisions, but in general you should not expect to enjoy more than a week in which to revise your work. The old draft (plus any separate sheet of comments) must accompany the new version. Please note that simply rewriting a paper will not in itself guarantee a higher grade; you must substantially improve the essay, following my comments to be sure, but initiating your own changes as well. Rewriting does not jeopardize your original grade, which remains if either the revised draft is not as good as the first, you fail to turn in the revised version on time, or you decide not to rewrite at all.

Grading

Simplicity itself. The papers and class discussion each count 25%.

Incompletes

The Gendzel Protocol governs the assigning of Incompletes: in fairness to those students who turn their work in on time, I will not grant an Incomplete for reasons other than Acts of God or other extraordinary disasters (covered in the Proclamation, p. 18 below). You may have an Incomplete without penalty only in such cases; in all other instances, an Incomplete carries a grade penalty of \( \frac{1}{2} \)-step.