

UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON
Department of History
Semester I, 1988-89

History 101

U.S. History to the Civil War Era

Mr. Sewell

Required Texts:

John Garraty, The American Nation, vol. I. Harper & Row

James W. Davidson and Mark H. Lytle, After the Fact: The Art of Historical Detection. Knopf.

Robert A. Gross, The Minutemen and Their World. Hill & Wang.

James C. Curtis, Andrew Jackson and the Search for Vindication. Little, Brown.

Stephen B. Oates, Abraham Lincoln: The Man Behind the Myths. New American Library.

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Schedule:

Week of September 7

Readings:

Garraty, American Nation, chaps. I-II

Davidson and Lytle, Prologue and chap. I

Lectures:

Introduction

Social Change in Colonial America

Week of September 12

Readings:

Davidson and Lytle, chap. II

Garraty, American Nation, chap. III

Lectures:

Toward Religious Toleration

Fish and Ships: The Colonial Economy

Democracy or Deference: Colonial Politics

Week of September 19

Readings:

Davidson and Lytle, chap. III

Garraty, American Nation, chap. IV

Lectures:

Origins of the American Revolution

Why the British Lost
A Case for the Losers: The Loyalists

Week of September 26

Readings:
Gross, Minutemen

Lectures:
The Character of the American Revolution
The Critical Period
Framing the Constitution

Week of October 3

Readings:
Garraty, American Nation, chap. V

Lectures:
Political Thought in the Early Republic
Origins of American Political Parties
Triumph of Republicanism

Week of October 10

Readings:
Garraty, American Nation, chap. VI

Lectures:
Review
Jeffersonians in Power

FIRST HOUR EXAMINATION: October 12

Week of October 17

Readings:
Garraty, American Nation, chap. VII
Davidson and Lytle, chap. IV

Lectures:
The Second War for Independence
Nationalism
Sectionalism

Week of October 24

Readings:
Garraty, American Nation, chap. VIII
Curtis, Jackson, chaps. I-IV

Lectures:
Revolutions in Transportation and Industry
Era of Good Feelings

The Jacksonian Persuasion

Week of October 31

Readings:

Garraty, American Nation, chaps. IX-X
Curtis, Jackson, chaps. V-IX

Lectures:

A White Man's Democracy
Intellectual Ferment and Social Reform
The Bonds of Womanhood

Week of November 7

Readings:

Garraty, American Nation, chap. XI

Lectures:

The Crusade Against Slavery
Review

SECOND HOUR EXAMINATION: November 11

Week of November 14

Readings:

Garraty, American Nation, chaps. XII-XIII
Davidson and Lytle, chap. V

Lectures:

The Ruling Race: Slavery and Southern Whites
The Peculiar Institution
Manifest Destiny

Week of November 21

Readings:

Garraty, American Nation, chap. XIV

Lectures:

Crisis and Compromise: Slavery in National Politics
Birth of the Republican Party

Week of November 28

Readings:

Garraty, American Nation, chap. XV
Oates, Lincoln, parts I-II

Lectures:

Disruption of the Democratic Party
The Secession Crisis

The War at Home

Week of December 5

Readings:

Garraty, American Nation, chap. XVI
Oates, Lincoln, parts III-IV

Lectures:

The Blue and the Gray
Presidential Reconstruction
"Radical" Reconstruction

Week of December 12

Lectures:

"Carpetbag Rule": Fact and Fiction
Review

Office Hours: Monday and Wednesday, 2:30-3:30 or by appointment,
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