

UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN--MADISON
Department of History
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History 101

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COURSE DESCRIPTION: This course begins with the convergence of European, native American, and African cultures in the New World, and then explores the English colonial experience and the creation and development of the United States. Major topics include the diversity of the English colonies; the origins, nature, and consequences of the American Revolution; the evolution of a unique republic; economic growth; continental expansion and sectionalism; slavery and race relations; the changing roles and status of women; the Civil War; and Reconstruction.

TEACHING METHODOLOGY: There will be four lectures per week. Discussions of the readings will take place within the scheduled lecture time. Each student is expected to complete the week's reading assignment on time and to participate actively and intelligently in the discussion.

GRADING: Grades will be based on participation in discussion, one midterm exam, and a final exam.

REQUIRED READINGS:

Available at the University Bookstore:

Robert A. Gross, The Minutemen and the World.

Mary Beth Norton, et al., A People and a Nation: A History of the United States (2nd edition, 1986), Volume 1.

Larry Madaras and James M. SoRelle, Taking Sides: Clashing Views on Controversial Issues in American History (3rd edition), 1989.

CLASS SCHEDULE

Part I: The Coming Together of Cultures

- June 19 Registration
June 20 Introduction/America before European contact
READ: Norton, 5-19
June 21 The Old World: Europe and Africa
June 22 The Columbian Exchange
READ: Taking Sides, Issue 2
- June 26 The Development of European Empires
READ: Norton, 19-28, 47-53
June 27 England on the Eve of Expansion
READ: Taking Sides, Issue 3
June 28 English Expansion: Ireland, the West Indies, and the
Chesapeake
June 29 The Origins of American Slavery
READ: Taking Sides, Issue 4
- July 3 Puritanism
READ: Norton, 28-114
Taking Sides, Issue 1
July 4 Independence Day (NO CLASS)
July 5 New England: the first century
READ: Taking Sides, Issue 6
July 6 An Empire of Trade/the Indians New World
- July 10 America at midcentury
READ: Norton, 114-150

Part II: The Transforming Radicalism of Revolution

- July 11 Awakening and Enlightenment
READ: Gross, 3-132
Taking Sides, Issue 5
July 12 American Politics to 1770
July 13 The War for Independence
- July 17 Confederation and Constitution
READ: Norton, 154-178
Gross, 133-170
Taking Sides, Issue 7
July 18 MIDTERM EXAM

PART III: The Implications of Republicanism

- July 19 Launching the Republican Experiment/The Implications of
Liberty
READ: Norton, 181-221
- July 20 The Jeffersonian Dilemma
READ: Gross, 171-190
Taking Sides, Issue 8
- July 24 The Transportation Revolution
READ: Norton, 222-265, 276-280, 325-350
- July 25 Jacksonian Democracy
READ: Taking Sides, Issue 10
- July 26 Women's Sphere
READ: Taking Sides, Issue 9
- July 27 Reform
READ: Taking Sides, Issue 11
- July 30 The Black Experience in Antebellum America
READ: Norton, 269-276, 280-320, 355-382
Taking Sides, Issue 13
- August 1 Westward Expansion and the Mexican War
READ: Taking Sides, Issue 12
- August 2 The Collapse of the Second Party System
READ: Taking Sides, Issue 15
- August 3 The House Divides
READ: Taking Sides, Issue 14
- August 7 The War for Union
READ: Norton, 383-447
Taking Sides, Issue 16
- August 8 The Death of Slavery and Reconstruction
READ: Taking Sides, Issue 17
- August 9 Centennial America
- August 10 FINAL EXAMINATION .