

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 Stamp, The Imperiled Union. Oxford.

Steven Channing, Crisis of Fear. Norton.

T. Harry Williams, Lincoln and His Generals.

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 6 Introduction

8 Americans at Mid-Century

11 The Ruling Race: Slavery and Southern Whites

13 The Slave Community: Life in the Quarters

15 Abolitionism: From Moral Suasion to Political Action

18 Legacy of the Mexican War and the Election of 1848

20 The "Compromise" of 1850

22 Collapse of Compromise

25 Nativism and the Know-Nothing Movement

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

29 Birth of the Republican Party

October 2 Disruption of the Democracy

4 John Brown's Private War

6 Election of 1860 and the Secession of the Lower South

	9	The North Responds to Secession
	11	The Fort Sumter Crisis
	13	Review
	16	FIRST HOUR EXAMINATION
Part II:		A NEW BIRTH OF FREEDOM
October	18	The Union Mobilizes for War
	20	The Confederacy Mobilizes for War
	23	Jefferson Davis and His Critics
	25	Republicans, War Democrats, and Copperheads
	27	King Cotton Diplomacy
	30	Robert E. Lee and the Road to Appomattox
November	1	Mr. Lincoln's Army
	3	"Some of the Boys"
	6	Abraham Lincoln and the Race Question
	8	Afro-Americans and the Destruction of Slavery
	10	From Contraband to Freedmen
	13	Murder at Ford's Theater and the End of the War
	15	Review
	17	SECOND HOUR EXAMINATION
Part III:		<u>RECONSTRUCTION</u>
November	20	Lincoln's Plan of Reconstruction
	22	The Port Royal Experiment
	27	Andrew Johnson and Reconstruction
	29	Triumph of the Radicals
December	1	"Radical" Reconstruction
	4	Impeachment of a President
	6	"Carpetbag Rule": Fact and Fiction

- 8 After Slavery: The Black Response to Reconstruction
- 11 The Grant Era
- 13 End of Reconstruction
- 15 Review

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