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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

Thomas J. Archdeacon, "American Historians and the American Revolution: A Bicentennial Overview," Wisconsin Mag. of History, 63 (1980), 278-98

Liberalism

- Joyce Appleby, "Liberalism and the American Revolution," New England Quarterly, 49 (1976), 3-26
- Joyce Appleby, "The Social Origins of American Revolutionary Ideology," Journal of American History, 64 (1978), 935-58
- J. E. Crowley, THIS SHEBA, SELF, 125-57
- John P. Diggins, THE LOST SOUL OF AMERICAN POLITICS, 18-47, 347-52
- Donald Winch, "Economic Liberalism as Ideology: The Appleby Version," Economic History Review, 2d ser., 38 (1985), 287-97

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
- Edmund Morgan, "The Puritan Ethic and the American Revolution," in Morgan, THE CHALLENGE OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION, 88-138
- John Murrin, "No Awakening, No Revolution? More Counterfactual Speculations," Reviews in American History, 11 (1983), 161-71
- Harry Stout, THE NEW ENGLAND SOUL, 259-81
- Donald Weber, RHETORIC AND HISTORY IN REVOLUTIONARY NEW ENGLAND, 91-112

The Radical Critique

- Eric Foner, "Tom Paine's Republic: Radical Ideology and Social Change," in Alfred Young, ed., THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION, 187-232
- Colin Gordon, "Crafting a Usable Past: Consensus, Ideology, and Historians of the American Revolution," WMQ, 3d ser., 46 (1989), 671-95

The Paranoid Style

- James H. Hutson, "The American Revolution: Triumph of a Delusion? in Erich Angermann, et al., eds., NEW WINE IN OLD SKINS, 179-94
- James H. Hutson, "The Origins of 'The Paranoid Style in American Politics': Public Jealousy from the Age of Walpole to the Age of Jackson," in David D. Hall, et al., SAINTS & REVOLUTIONARIES, 332-72
- Gordon S. Wood, "Conspiracy and the Paranoid Style: Causality and Deceit in the Eighteenth Century," WMQ, 39 (1982), 401-41

Ideas and Transformation

- Cecilia Kenyon, "Republicanism and Radicalism in the American Revolution: An Old Fashioned Interpretation," WMQ, 3d ser., 19 (1962), 153-82
- 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

Mark Egnal, A MIGHTY EMPIRE: THE ORIGINS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION, 150-67

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

Rowland Berthoff and John Murrin, "Feudalism, Communalism, and the Yeoman Freeholder: The American Revolution Considered as a Social Accident," in Stephen Kurtz and James Hutson, eds., ESSAYS ON THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION, 256-88

Robert E. Brown, MIDDLE-CLASS DEMOCRACY AND THE REVOLUTION IN MASSACHUSETTS, 196-232, 401-408

Willard C. Frank, Jr., "Colonial Disequilibrium and the American Revolution: A Review of Some Recent Writings of History," in Richard A. Rutyna and Peter C. Stewart, eds., VIRGINIA IN THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION: A COLLECTION OF ESSAYS, vol. I, 1-37

Jack P. Greene, "The Social Origins of the American Revolution," Political Science Quarterly, 88 (1973), 1-22

Allan Kulikoff, "The Transition to Capitalism in Rural America," William and Mary Quarterly, 3d ser., 46 (1989), 120-44

Kenneth Lockridge, "Social Change and the Meaning of the American Revolution," in Stanley N. Katz, ed., COLONIAL AMERICA, 2d ed., 490-520

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

Gordon Wood, "Rhetoric and Reality in the American Revolution," William and Mary Quarterly, 3d ser., 23 (1966), 3-32

The Sociopolitical Basis of Ideology

Bernard Bailyn, ORIGINS OF AMERICAN POLITICS, 106-61

Timothy Breen, TOBACCO CULTURE, 1-39

T. R. Clayton, "Sophistry, Security, and Socio-Political Structures in the American Revolution; or, Why Jamaica did not Rebel," Historical Journal, 29 (1986), 319-44

Oct. 2 - Foules or Fools?

Core reading: Gary Nash, THE URBAN CRUCIBLE

Secondary reading:

Overview

Hermann Wellenreuther, "Labor in the Era of the American Revolution: A Discussion of Recent Concepts and Theories," Labor History, 22 (1981), 573-600

Crowd Action

Richard M. Brown, "Violence and the American Revolution," in Stephen Kurtz and James Hutson, eds., ESSAYS ON THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION, 81-120
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
James H. Hutson, "An Investigation of the Inarticulate: Philadelphia's White Oaks," William and Mary Quarterly, 3d ser., 28 (1971), 3-25
Staughton Lynd, "The Mechanics in New York Politics, 1774-1788," in Lynd, CLASS CONFLICT, SLAVERY, AND THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION, 79-108
Gary B. Nash, Billy G. Smith, and Dirk Hoerder, "Laboring Americans and the American Revolution," Labor History, 24 (1983), 413-39; Hermann Wellenreuther, "Rejoinder," ibid., 440-54
Charles Olton, ARTISANS FOR INDEPENDENCE, 49-80
Howard Rock, ARTISANS OF THE NEW REPUBLIC: THE TRADESMEN OF NEW YORK CITY IN THE AGE OF JEFFERSON, 19-45
Charles Steffen, THE MECHANICS OF BALTIMORE: WORKERS AND POLITICS IN THE AGE OF REVOLUTION, 1763-1812, 53-80
Sean Wilentz, CHANTS DEMOCRATIC: NEW YORK CITY AND THE RISE OF THE AMERICAN WORKING CLASS, 1788-1850, 61-103
Alfred F. 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

David L. Ammerman, "The Continental Association: Economic Resistance and Government by Committee," in Walter Conser, Jr., et al., RESISTANCE, POLITICS, AND THE AMERICAN STRUGGLE FOR INDEPENDENCE, 225-77

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

Bernard Mason, "Entrepreneurial Activity in New York during the American Revolution," Business History Review, 40 (1966), 190-212

Robert F. Oaks, "Philadelphia Merchants and the Origins of American Independence," Proceedings of the American Philosophical Society, 121 (1977), 407-37

Edward C. Papenfuse, IN PURSUIT OF PROFIT: THE ANNAPOLIS MERCHANTS IN THE ERA OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION, 35-75

Arthur M. Schlesinger, THE COLONIAL MERCHANTS AND THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION, 156-196

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 A. Henretta, "The War for Independence and American Economic Development," in Ronald Hoffman et al., eds., THE ECONOMY OF EARLY AMERICA: THE REVOLUTIONARY PERIOD 1763-1790, 45-87

John J. McCusker and Russell R. Menard, THE ECONOMY OF BRITISH AMERICA, 1607-1789, 351-77

James F. Shepherd, "British America and the Atlantic Economy," in Hoffman, et al., ECONOMY OF EARLY AMERICA, 3-44

James F. Shepherd and Gary M. Walton, "Economic Change After the American Revolution: Pre- and Post-War Comparisons of Maritime Shipping and Trade," Explorations in Economic History, 13 (1976), 397-422

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

- E. Wayne Carp, "The Problem of National Defense in the Early American Republic," in Jack P. Greene, ed., THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION, 14-50
Don Higginbotham, "The Early American Way of War: Reconnaissance and Appraisal," William and Mary Quarterly, 3d ser., 44 (1987), 230-73

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
Don Higginbotham, "Reflections on the War for Independence, Modern Guerilla Warfare, and the War in Vietnam," in Ronald Hoffman and Peter Albert, eds., ARMS AND INDEPENDENCE, 1-24

The Army and Society

- E. Wayne Carp, "TO STARVE THE ARMY AT PLEASURE", 99-135
Lawrence Delbert Cress, CITIZENS IN ARMS, 51-74
Mark Lender, "The Conscripted Line: The Draft in Revolutionary New Jersey," New Jersey History, 103 (1985), 22-45
James Kirby Martin, "The Continental Army and the American Victory," in John Ferling, ed., THE WORLD TURNED UPSIDE DOWN, 19-34
James Kirby Martin and Mark Edward Lender, A RESPECTABLE ARMY, 65-98
Robert Middlekauff, "Why Men Fought in the American Revolution," Huntington Library Quarterly, 43 (1980), 135-48

Loyalism and the Struggle for Popular Support

- Bernard Bailyn, THE ORDEAL OF THOMAS HUTCHINSON, 196-220, 375-80
Richard Buel, DEAR LIBERTY, 81-137
Robert McCluer Calhoun, THE LOYALISTS IN REVOLUTIONARY AMERICA 1760-1781, 135-46, 175-87, 234-43, 257-65
Stephen Conway, "To Subdue America: British Army Officers and the Conduct of the Revolutionary War," WMQ, 3d ser., 43 (1986), 381-407
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
Don Higginbotham, "The American Militia: A Traditional Institution with Revolutionary Possibilities," in Higginbotham, ed., RECONSIDERATIONS OF THE REVOLUTIONARY WAR: SELECTED ESSAYS, 83-103
Sung Bok Kim, "Impact of Class Relations and Warfare in the American Revolution: The New York Experience," Journal of American History, 69 (1982), 326-46
William H. Nelson, THE AMERICAN TORY, 85-115
John Shy, A PEOPLE NUMEROUS AND ARMED, 193-224
Joseph S. Tiedemann, "Patriots by Default: Queens County, New York, and the British Army, 1776-1783," WMQ, 3d ser., 43 (1986), 35-63

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

- Lance Banning, "James Madison, the Statute for Religious Freedom, and the Crisis of Republican Convictions," in Merrill D. Peterson and Robert C. Vaughan, eds., THE VIRGINIA STATUTE FOR RELIGIOUS FREEDOM, 109-38
- 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 E. Buckley, "Evangelicals Triumphant: The Baptists' Assault on the Virginia Glebes, 1786-1801," William and Mary Quarterly, 3d ser., 45 (1988), 33-69
- 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
- Robert D. Mitchell, "Agricultural Change and the American Revolution: A Virginia Case Study," Agricultural History, 47 (1973), 119-32
- H. James Henderson, "Taxation and Political Culture: Massachusetts and Virginia, 1760-1800," William and Mary Quarterly, 3d ser., 47 (1990), 90-114
- Herbert Sloan and Peter Onuf, "Politics, Culture and the Revolution in Virginia. A Review of Recent Work," Virginia Magazine of History and Biography, 91 (1983), 259-84
- Mechal Sobel, THE WORLD THEY MADE TOGETHER, 178-213

Political Culture and Resistance

- Timothy Breen, TOBACCO CULTURE, 124-59
- Mark Egnal, "The Origins of the Revolution in Virginia: A Reinterpretation," William and Mary Quarterly, 3d ser., 37 (1980), 401-28
- Jack P. Greene, 'Virtus et Libertas': Political Culture, Social Change, and the Origins of the American Revolution in Virginia," in Jeffrey Crow and Larry Tise, eds., THE SOUTHERN EXPERIENCE IN THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION, 55-108
- 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
- Albert H. Tillson, Jr., "The Militia and Popular Political Culture in the Upper Valley of Virginia, 1740-1775," Virginia Magazine of History and Biography, 94 (1986), 285-306

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

- Ira Berlin, "The Revolution in Black Life," in Alfred F. Young, ed., THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION, 349-82
- Richard S. Dunn, "Black Society in the Chesapeake, 1776-1810," in Ira Berlin and Ronald Hoffman, eds., SLAVERY AND FREEDOM IN THE AGE OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION, 49-82
- William D. Piersen, BLACK YANKEES, 117-60
- Jean Butenhoff Lee, "The Problem of Slave Community in the Eighteenth-Century Chesapeake," WMQ, 3d ser., 43 (1986), 333-61
- Philip Morgan and Michael L. Nicholls, "Slaves in Piedmont Virginia, 1720-1790," William and Mary Quarterly, 3d ser., 46 (1989), 211-51
- 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

- Jeffrey J. Crow, "Slave Rebelliousness and Social Conflict in North Carolina, 1775 to 1802," WMQ, 3d ser., 37 (1980), 79-102
- Paul Finkelman, "Slavery and the Constitutional Convention: Making a Covenant with Death," in Richard Beeman, et al., BEYOND CONFEDERATION, 188-225
- William W. Freehling, "The Founding Fathers and Slavery," American Historical Review, 77 (1972), 81-93
- Sylvia R. Frey, "Liberty, Equality, and Slavery: The Paradox of the American Revolution," in Jack P. Greene, ed., THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION: ITS CHARACTER AND LIMITS, 230-52
- 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
- Edmund S. Morgan, "Slavery and Freedom: The American Paradox," in Morgan, THE CHALLENGE OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION, 139-73
- 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 ANTISLAVERY CONSTITUTIONALISM IN AMERICA, 1760-1848, 40-61
- Arthur Zilversmit, THE FIRST EMANCIPATION, 109-38

Nov. 7 - The Republic of Mothers

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

Secondary reading:

Overviews

- Linda K. Kerber, "'History Can Do It No Justice': Women and the Reinterpretation of the American Revolution," in Ronald Hoffman and Peter Albert, eds., WOMEN IN THE AGE OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION, 3-42
- Mary Beth Norton, "The Evolution of White Women's Experience in Early America," American Historical Review, 89 (1984), 593-619

Gender, Republicanism, and Ideology

- Ruth Bloch, "The Gendered Meanings of Virtue in Revolutionary America," Signs, 13 (1987), 37-58
- Jan Lewis, "The Republican Wife: Virtue and Seduction in the Early Republic," WMQ, 3d ser., 44 (1987), 689-721
- Jay Fliegelman, PRODIGALS & PILGRIMS, 123-54
- Linda Kerber, et al., "Beyond Roles, Beyond Spheres: Thinking about Gender in the Early Republic," WMQ, 3d ser., 46 (1989), 565-85
- Melvin Yazawa, FROM COLONIES TO COMMONWEALTH, [pp. TBA]

Lives

- Joy Day Buel and Richard Buel, Jr., THE WAY OF DUTY, 105-44
- Barbara E. Lacy, "The World of Hannah Heaton: The Autobiography of an Eighteenth-Century Connecticut Farm Woman," ibid., 280-304
- 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
- Laurel Thatcher Ulrich, "'The Living Mother of a Living Child': Midwifery and Mortality in Post-Revolutionary New England," WMQ, 3d ser., 46 (1989), 27-48

Women in Society

- Elaine F. Crane, "Dependence in the Era of Independence: The Role of Women in a Republican Society," in Jack P. Greene, ed., THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION: ITS CHARACTER AND LIMITS, 253-75
- Linda Grant DePauw, "Women in Combat: The Revolutionary War Experience," Armed Forces and Society, 7 (1981) 209-26
- Edith B. Gelles, "The Abigail Industry," WMQ, 3d ser., 45 (1988), 656-83
- Joan Jensen, LOOSENING THE BONDS, 145-66
- Jacqueline Jones, "Race, Sex, and Self-Evident Truths: The Status of Slave Women during the Era of the American Revolution," in Hoffman and Albert, WOMEN IN THE AGE OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION, 293-337
- 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

- Bernard Bailyn, "Central Themes of the Revolution," in Stephen Kurtz and James Hutson, eds., ESSAYS ON THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION, 3-31
- Robert E. Brown, "Did the American Revolution Really Happen?" in George G. Suggs, Jr., ed., PERSPECTIVES ON THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION, 13-35
- Richard Buel, Jr., "Democracy and the American Revolution: A Frame of Reference," William and Mary Quarterly, 3d ser., 21 (1964), 165-90
- 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, "Government by the People: The American Revolution and the Democratization of the Legislatures," William and Mary Quarterly, 3d ser., 23 (1966), 391-407
- Jackson Turner Main, THE SOVEREIGN STATES, 1775-1783, 318-48
- James Kirby Martin, MEN IN REBELLION, 173-96
- Edmund S. Morgan, "Conflict and Consensus in the Revolution," in Morgan, CHALLENGE OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION, 174-95
- Richard Morris, THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION RECONSIDERED, 43-91
- Gordon S. Wood, "The Democratization of Mind in the American Revolution," in LEADERSHIP IN THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION, 63-89

The Nationalists

- Lance Banning, "James Madison and the Nationalists, 1780-1783," William and Mary Quarterly, 3d ser., 40 (1983), 227-55
- E. Wayne Carp, "The Origins of the Nationalist Movement of 1780-1783: Congressional Administration of the Army," PENNSYLVANIA MAGAZINE OF HISTORY AND BIOGRAPHY, 107 (1983), 363-92
- E. James Ferguson, "The Nationalists of 1781-1783 and the Economic Interpretation of the Constitution," Journal of American History, 56 (1969), 241-61
- 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
- Michael Parenti, "The Constitution as an Elitist Document," in Robert A. Goldwin and William A. Schambra, eds., HOW DEMOCRATIC IS THE CONSTITUTION?, 39-58
- 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

Richard B. Bernstein, "Charting the Bicentennial," Columbia Law Review, 87 (1987), 1565-1624

Politics: National, Regional and Local

- Joseph L. Davis, SECTIONALISM IN AMERICAN POLITICS, 148-70
H. James Henderson, "The Structure of Politics in the Continental Congress," in Stephen Kurtz and James Hutson, ESSAYS ON THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION, 157-96
Jackson Turner Main, POLITICAL PARTIES BEFORE THE CONSTITUTION, 365-407
Drew R. McCoy, "James Madison and Visions of American Nationality in the Confederation Period: A Regional Perspective," in Richard Beeman, et al., BEYOND CONFEDERATION, 226-58
John Murrin, "A Roof without Walls: The Dilemma of American National Identity," ibid., 333-48
Peter Onuf, ORIGINS OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC, 149-72
Jack N. Rakove, "The Structure of Politics at the Accession of George Washington," in Beeman, et al., BEYOND CONFEDERATION, 261-94

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

- James H. Hutson, "Riddles of the Federal Constitutional Convention," William and Mary Quarterly, 3d ser., 44 (1987), 411-23
Calvin Jillson, CONSTITUTION MAKING: CONFLICT AND CONSENSUS IN THE FEDERAL CONVENTION OF 1787, 193-207
Jack N. Rakove, "The Great Compromise: Ideas, Interests, and the Politics of Constitution Making," William and Mary Quarterly, 3d ser., 44 (1987), 424-57
John P. Roche, "The Founding Fathers: A Reform Caucus in Action," American Political Science Review, 55 (1961), 799-816

Ratification

- Lance Banning, "Virginia: Sectionalism and the General Good," in Michael Gillespie and Michael Lienesch, RATIFYING THE CONSTITUTION, 261-99
Stephen R. Boyd, THE POLITICS OF OPPOSITION: ANTIFEDERALISTS AND THE ACCEPTANCE OF THE CONSTITUTION, 19-45
John P. Kaminski, "Adjusting to Circumstances: New York's Relationship with the Federal Government, 1776-1788," in Patrick T. Conley and John P. Kaminski, eds., THE CONSTITUTION AND THE STATES, 225-49
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

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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 escritorial 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:

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