

History 101, lec. 1
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MWF 9:55-10:45 + section
1121 Humanities

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HISTORY OF THE UNITED STATES TO 1865

This course is dedicated to the propositions that those who forget the past tend to repeat it, those who have never learned about it do not even know enough to forget it, and those who, through either obliviousness or ignorance do not come to grips with it, will be at history's mercy on the day when it takes them by surprise and smirkingly lays them low. The following readings have been assigned in a desperate effort to remedy their plight:

Available at local book stores -

John Garraty, A SHORT HISTORY OF THE AMERICAN NATION, 4th ed., part A
Frederick Douglass, NARRATIVE OF THE LIFE OF FREDERICK DOUGLASS
Benjamin Franklin, AUTOBIOGRAPHY
Harriet Robinson, LOOM AND SPINDLE

Available at Kinko's Copy Service, 620 University Avenue -

PAST TALES: A READER FOR HISTORY 101
Christopher Columbus, "The Letter of Columbus on the Discovery
of America"
Captain John Smith, "The General History of Virginia, New England,
and the Summer Isles"
Mary Rowlandson, "The Sovereignty and Goodness of GOD, Together With
the Faithfulness of His Promises Displayed ..."
Ann Hulton, "Letters of a Loyalist Lady"
Joseph Plumb Martin, "A Narrative of Some of the Adventures, Dangers
and Sufferings of a Revolutionary Soldier ..."
Royall Tyler, "The Contrast"
William Macclay, "The Journal of William Macclay"
George F. Featherstonehaugh, "A Canoe Voyage up the Minnay Sotor"
Peter Cartwright, "The Autobiography of Peter Cartwright"

All of the readings have been placed on closed reserve in the College Library,
Helen C. White Hall.

Assignments

There will be two mid-term examinations (Oct. 4, Nov. 8) and one final examination (TBA); all examinations will consist entirely of essays. You are expected to attend and participate in section discussions. Students taking the course for honors credit will write in addition a 5-8 page research paper in consultation with me; you must see me by Sept. 27 to discuss your project.

Grading

Each mid-term counts 20% of the final grade, as does class discussion. The final exam counts 40%. For honors students, the mid-terms, discussion,

and research paper count 16 2/3% each, and the final 33 1/3%.

Appeal procedure: if you wish to appeal an exam grade, you must follow the procedures outlined below:

1. Write a short paragraph (more if necessary) explaining why you think the grade should be changed. Please be specific.
2. Hand in your bluebook with the written appeal to your TA no later than one week after the exams have first been returned. When you turn in your appeal, make an appointment with your TA to discuss the exam.
3. If you remain unsatisfied after the TA's final decision, you may take your grievance to me.
4. TAs will not consider appeals submitted more than one week after the exams have first been returned.

The Program

You should read at least the text (and the outside reading, if possible) before each week's lectures. The reading assignments will be discussed during the weekly sections, and may be discussed whenever you get the urge.

Sept. 4-6

Garraty, SHORT HISTORY, 1-6; Columbus, "Letter"

Sept. 9-13

Garraty, SHORT HISTORY, 6-12; Smith, "General History"

Sept. 16-20

Garraty, SHORT HISTORY, 12-19; Rowlandson, "Sovereignty"

Sept. 23-27

Garraty, SHORT HISTORY, 20-42; Franklin, AUTOBIOGRAPHY, 15-181

Sept. 30 - Oct. 4

MID-TERM EXAM, Oct. 4; review Oct. 2

Oct. 7-11

Garraty, SHORT HISTORY, 43-63; Hulton, "Letters"

Oct. 14-18

Garraty, SHORT HISTORY, 64-84, 289-90; Martin, "Narrative"

Oct. 21-25

Garraty, SHORT HISTORY, 85-95, 291-302; Tyler, "The Contrast"

Oct. 28 - Nov. 1

Garraty, SHORT HISTORY, 95-116; MacLay, "Journal"

Nov. 4-8

Garraty, SHORT HISTORY, 117-33; MID-TERM EXAM, Nov. 8; review Nov. 6

Nov. 11-15

Garraty, SHORT HISTORY, 134-50, 218-35; Robinson, LOOM AND SPINDLE, 1-78

Nov. 18-22

Garraty, SHORT HISTORY, 151-83; Featherstonehaugh, "Canoe Voyage"

Nov. 25-29

Garraty, SHORT HISTORY, 184-200; Cartwright, "Autobiography"
HOLIDAY Nov. 29 - thank a Puritan

Dec. 2-6

Garraty, SHORT HISTORY, 201-17, 236-51; Douglass, NARRATIVE

Dec. 9-13

Garraty, SHORT HISTORY, 252-70

TBA - FINAL EXAMINATION