

UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON
Department of History
Semester I, 1987-88

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.

Schedule:

Week of September 2

Readings:

Garraty, American Nation, chaps. I-II
Davidson and Lytle, Prologue and chap. I

Lectures:

Introduction
Social Change in Colonial America

Week of September 7

Readings:

Davidson and Lytle, chap. II

Lectures:

Toward Religious Toleration
Fish and Ships: The Colonial Economy

Week of September 14

Readings:

Garraty, American Nation, chap. III
Davidson and Lytle, chap. III

Lectures:

Democracy or Deference: Colonial Politics
Origins of the American Revolution
Why the British Lost

Week of September 21

Readings:

Garraty, American Nation, chap. IV
Gross, Minutemen.

Lectures:

A Case for the Losers: The Loyalists
The Character of the American Revolution
The Critical Period

Week of September 28

Readings:

Garraty, American Nation, chap. V

Lectures:

Framing the Constitution
Jefferson and Hamilton
Origins of American Political Parties

Week of October 5

Readings:

Garraty, American Nation, chaps. VI-VII

Lectures:

Triumph of Republicanism
Review

FIRST HOUR EXAMINATION: October 9

Week of October 12

Readings:

Garraty, American Nation, chaps. VIII-IX
Davidson and Lytle, chap. IV

Lectures:

Jeffersonians in Power
The Second War for Independence
Nationalism

Week of October 19

Readings:

Garraty, American Nation, chaps. X, XII
Curtis, Jackson, chaps. I-IV

Lectures:

Sectionalism
Revolutions in Transportation and Industry
Era of Good Feelings

Week of October 26

Readings:

Curtis, Jackson, chaps. V-IX

Lectures:

The Jacksonian Persuasion
A White Man's Democracy
Intellectual Ferment and Social Reform

Week of November 2

Readings:

Garraty, American Nation, chap. XIII

Lectures:

The Bonds of Womanhood
Abolitionism
Review

SECOND HOUR EXAMINATION: November 9

Week of November 9

Readings:

Garraty, American Nation, chap. XI
Davidson and Lytle, chap. V

Lectures:

The Ruling Race: Slavery and Southern Whites
The Peculiar Institution

Week of November 16

Readings:

Garraty, American Nation, chap. XIV
Davidson and Lytle, chap. VI

Lectures:

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

Week of November 23

Readings:

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

Lectures:

Disruption of the Democracy
The Secession Crisis

Week of November 30

Readings:

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

Lectures:

The Blue and the Gray
The War at Home
Presidential Reconstruction

Week of December 7

Lectures:

Johnson and the Radicals
Impeachment of a President
"Carpetbag Rule": Fact and Fiction

Week of December 14

Review

Office Hours:

Monday and Wednesday, 2:30-3:30 by appointment
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