

UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON
Department of History
Semester II, 1988-89

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.

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Schedule:

Week of January 23

Readings:

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

Lectures:

Introduction
Social Change in Colonial America
Toward Religious Toleration

Week of January 30

Readings:

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

Lectures:

Fish and Ships: The Colonial Economy
Democracy or Deference: Colonial Politics
Origins of the American Revolution

Week of February 6

Readings:

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

Lectures:

Why the British Lost
 A Case for the Losers: The Loyalists
 The Character of the American Revolution

Week of February 13

Readings:

Gross, Minutemen

Lectures:

The Critical Period
 Framing the Constitution
 Political Thought in the Early Republic

Week of February 20

Readings:

Garraty, American Nation, chap. V

Lectures:

Origins of American Political Parties
 Triumph of Republicanism
 Review

Week of February 27

Readings:

Garraty, American Nation, chap. VI

Lectures:

Jeffersonians in Power
 The Second War for Independence

FIRST HOUR EXAMINATION: February 27

Week of March 6

Readings:

Garraty, American Nation, chap. VII
 Davidson and Lytle, chap. IV

Lectures:

Nationalism
 Sectionalism
 Revolutions in Transportation and Industry

Week of March 13

Readings:

Garraty, American Nation, chap. VIII
 Curtis, Jackson, chaps. I-IV

Lectures:

Era of Good Feelings
 The Jacksonian Persuasion
 A White Man's Democracy

Week of March 27

Readings:

Garraty, American Nation, chaps. IX-X
 Curtis, Jackson, chaps. V-IX

Lectures:

Intellectual Ferment and Social Reform
 The Bonds of Womanhood

Week of April 3

Readings:

Garraty, American Nation, chap. XI

Lectures:

The Crusade Against Slavery
 Review

SECOND HOUR EXAMINATION: April 7

Week of April 10

Readings:

Garraty, American Nation, chaps. XII-XIII
 Davidson and Lytle, chap. V

Lectures:

"The Ruling Race": Slavery and Southern Whites
 The Slave Community
 Manifest Destiny

Week of April 17

Readings:

Garraty, American Nation, chap. XIV

Lectures:

Crisis and Compromise: Slavery in National Politics
 Birth of the Republican Party
 Disruption of the Democracy

Week of April 24

Readings:

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

Lectures:

The Secession Crisis
The War at Home
How the North Won

Week of May 1

Readings:

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

Lectures:

The Destruction of Slavery
Presidential Reconstruction
Triumph of the Radicals

Week of May 8

Lectures:

Impeachment of a President
"Carpetbag Rule": Fact and Fiction
Review

Office Hours: Monday and Wednesday, 2:30-3:30 or by appointment,
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