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Summer Session-1983

HISTORY 101
American History, 1620-1865

Professor John Sharpless
4110 Humanities
263-1800

June 13: The Study of History: Some Introductory Remarks

Required reading: none
Optional reading: C. Becker, "Every Man His Own Historian"
(on reserve at Historical Society Library)

June 14: Background: Colonial Development From a European Perspective

Required reading: Bernard Bailyn, et al., The Great Republic
Vol. 1, pp. 5-27.
Optional reading: E. A. Wrigley, Population and History,
pp. 62-143; P. Deane, The First Industrial
Revolution, pp. 20-83; E. Wallerstein, The
Modern World System.

June 15: The Great Trans-Atlantic Migration: Demographic Forces and
Personal Motivations

Required reading: Bailyn, et al., The Great Republic, pp. 29-
64.
Optional reading: Edmund Morgan, The Puritan Dilemma, pp. 3-53;
Perry Miller, Errand into the Wilderness,
pp. 1-15, 141-152.

June 16: The Formation of New Societies: The Compromise of Ideal and the
Test of Reality

Required reading: Bailyn, et al., The Great Republic, pp. 67-
91.
Optional reading: Gary B. Nash, Red, White and Black, Chapters
1-4; E. S. Morgan, The Puritan Dilemma, pp.
54-173; K. A. Lockridge, A New England Town,
pp. 1-90.

June 17: Pre-European America: Varieties of Native American Cultures

Required reading: None
Optional reading: Richard S. MacNeish, "The Origins of New World
Agriculture," Scientific American (1964);
Gordon Willey, (ed.), Prehistoric Settlement
Patterns in the New World

June 20: The Diversity of Colonial Societies in the New World

Required reading: Bailyn, et al., The Great Republic, pp. 93-118.
Optional reading: James Henretta, The Evolution of American
Society, 1700-1815 (1973).

June 21: Conflicts and Consensus in Colonial America

Required reading: Bailyn, et al., The Great Republic, pp. 122-168.

Optional reading: G. Nash, Red, White and Black, Chapters 5-6.

June 22: Colonial America: Context for Revolution

Required reading: B. Bailyn, et al., The Great Republic, pp. 174-200.

Optional reading: Jack P. Green, (ed.), The Reinterpretation of the American Revolution, 1763-1789; Merrill Jensen, The Founding of a Nation, (1968).

June 23: The American Rebellion of '76

Required reading: B. Bailyn, et al., The Great Republic, pp. 203-224.

Optional reading: B. Bailyn, The Ideological Origins of the American Revolution; John Shy, A People Numerous and Armed.

June 24: Review and Discussion

Required reading: none

Optional reading: none

June 27: Mid-Term ExaminationJune 28: Building a Nation State: 1789-1814

Required reading: Bailyn, et al., The Great Republic, pp. 226-304.

Optional reading: Gordon S. Wood, The Creation of the American Republic, 1776-1787; Merrill Jensen, The New Nation; John Howe, From the Revolution through the Age of Jackson, pp. 1-174.

June 29: The Movable Community: Growth and Expansion in the American Republic

Required reading: Bailyn, et al., The Great Republic, pp. 308-337; 364-383.

Optional reading: R. A. Bartlett, The New Country, particularly pp. 3-18, 237-52, 274-398; Oscar Handlin, Boston's Immigrants, pp. 1-123; David Ward, Cities and Immigrants, pp. 3-46; Anthony Wallace, Rockdale.

June 30: Reform and Reaction in the American Republic: 1800-1860

Required reading: B. Bailyn, et al., The Great Republic, pp. 385-407.

Optional reading: Alexis de Tocqueville, Democracy in America.

July 1-4: NO CLASS

July 5: American Slavery and the Plantation Economy

Required reading: B. Bailyn, et al., The Great Republic, pp. 327-331, 415-417.

Optional reading: H. B. Stowe, Uncle Tom's Cabin; J. H. Bracey, et al., American Slavery; E. G. Genovese, Roll, Jordan, Roll; F. Douglass, A Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass.

July 6: Political Conflict and the American Civil War

Required reading: B. Bailyn, et al., The Great Republic, pp. 339-360; 410-434; 438-461.

Optional reading: David Potter, The Impending Crisis, 1848-1861; Eric Foner, Free Soil, Free Labor: The Ideology of the Republican Party.

July 7: The Civil War

Required reading: B. Bailyn, et al., The Great Republic, pp. 468-491; 493-522.

Optional reading: Edwin C. Rozwene, (ed.) The Causes of the American Civil War; K. M. Stampp, (ed.), The Causes of the Civil War.

July 8: FINAL EXAMINATION