

<b>History 211/WI</b>	<b>United States History To the Civil War</b>	<b>Fall 2007</b>
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Section 05, MWF 1:00-1:50  
Room 2207, MHRA Building  
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♪ “In 1492, Columbus sailed the ocean blue...” ♪

Who hasn't heard this little poem? But, is it true? Was King George III really insane? Were the Salem witches really demons? Did Andrew Jackson really have a big block of cheese in the White House? This course will attempt to answer these questions, and present fully the major topics in American History from Colonization to the Civil War. We will focus on diverse subjects including politics, race, gender, economics, and culture, all the while attempting to understand how historical events touched everyday citizens. For the most part, the course format will be lecture, although I believe in open discussion and differences of opinion. Try to think of History as not solely an impressive recitation of names and dates, but rather a long, interwoven tale of complex social, cultural and political forces.

This section of History 211 is WRITING INTENSIVE. We will complete a total of four short papers and one longer research paper. Please refer to grade breakdown below to clarify this component of the course.

**Required Texts:**

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*Give Me Liberty! : An American History, vol. 1.* Eric Foner: W.W. Norton Publishers; 2005. (Be sure to get Volume 1!)

*American Issues: A Primary Source Reader in United States History, Vol. 1* Unger, et al, Pearson Publishers, Fourth Edition; 2005.

**Grading Policies and Breakdown:**

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Mid term exam	20%
End of term exam	20%
Four Reaction Papers	25%
Research Paper	25%
Class participation/Attendance	10%

The course exams will be short answer and essay format and will be given during the class session. The four short reaction papers (2-3 pages) will be based on assigned readings from the primary source text, *American Issues*. The longer research paper will be based on an assigned topic, and will be reviewed in rough draft by the instructor.

**Attendance Policy:**

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As this a lecture format course, class attendance is essential. Attendance will be taken each class session by sign up sheet. Class participation points will be a combination of both your attendance and your participation in lecture discussions. No points will be deducted for four (4) unexcused absences; beyond that your participation grade will suffer a ten-point deduction for each class missed. After seven unexcused absences, I reserve the right (given by the registrar's office) to drop you from the course for non-attendance. Come to class—it's not hard.

## Course Schedule

The following is an outline of our schedule, with corresponding readings for each lecture. This is just a planned schedule—we may fall behind or jump ahead.

Date	Class discussion topic	Readings
August 20	Intro & Discussion	
August 22	The Spanish and British Empires	Chapter One
August 24	Exploration and The colonial ideal	↓
August 27 & 29	The Old World Spills Over to the New	Chapter Two
August 31	The Northern and Middle Colonies	↓
<b>September 3</b>	<b>Labor Day Holiday</b>	<b>Enjoy!</b>
September 5, 7	French and Indian War	Chapter Three
September 10, 12	A Slave Society <b>First Reaction Paper Due on 7<sup>th</sup>!</b>	Chapter Four
September 14, 17, 19	Resistance & Revolution	Chapter Five
September 21, 24	The Un-United States	Chapter Six
September 26, 28	The Myth & Miracle of Philadelphia <b>Second Reaction Paper Due on the 28<sup>th</sup>!</b>	Chapter Seven ↓
October 1	Selling the Constitution	
October 3	Federalists & Anti-Federalists	
October 5	One Last Issue with England	Chapter Eight
October 8	Review for Midterm	
October 10	<b>Midterm Exam</b>	<i>Good luck!</i>
October 12	No class – regroup after exam	Enjoy!
October 15	<b>Fall Break</b>	↓
October 17	The Market Revolution	Chapter 9
October 19	Jacksonian Democracy	Chapter 10
October 22	The emergence of the two parties <b>Third Reaction Paper Due!</b>	↓
October 24, 26	The Peculiar Institution	Chapter 11
October 29	The Abolitionists and their Power	↓
October 31	Republican Ascendancy	<i>Chapter 12</i>
November 2	Breakdown Dead Ahead	↓
November 5, 7, 9	Secession & Confederacy <b>Fourth Reaction Paper Due on 9<sup>th</sup>!</b>	Chapter 13
November 12, 14, 16	The Campaigns and Battles	Chapter 14
November 21 & 23	<b>Thanksgiving Holidays</b>	<i>Enjoy!</i>
November 19, 26, 28, 30	Individual Meetings for Papers	<i>Sign up for time</i>
December 3, 5, 7	Victory, Defeat and Reunion~ <b>Papers Due on 5<sup>th</sup>!</b>	
December 10	Wrap Up & Review	<i>Bring questions</i>
<b>Dec. 12<sup>th</sup> at 3:30</b>	<b>Final Exam</b>	<i>Good luck!</i>

**Questions? Please feel free to ask!!**