

SYLLABUS
HIS337-01 The Age of Jefferson and Jackson

Meeting Time/Location: MW 3:30 to 4:45 MHRA 1214
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Required Texts:

Daniel Walker Howe. *What Hath God Wrought: The Transformation of America, 1815-1848*
(New York: Oxford UP, 2007). ISBN 9780195392432

Jon Kukla. *A Wilderness So Immense: The Louisiana Purchase and the Destiny of America*
(New York: Random House, 2003). ISBN 9780375707612

Edward J. Larson. *A Magnificent Catastrophe: The Tumultuous Election of 1800, America's
First Presidential Campaign* (New York: The Free Press, 2007). ISBN 9780743293174

Richard Norton Smith. *Patriarch: George Washington and the New American Nation*
(New York: Houghton Mifflin, 1993). ISBN 9780395855126

Harry L. Watson. *Liberty and Power: The Politics of Jacksonian America* (New York: Hill and
Wang, 2006). ISBN 9780809065479

Learning Objectives:

Upon satisfactorily completing this course students should be able to:

- Demonstrate a clear understanding of many of the important historical figures and events that shaped American History between 1789 and 1848.
- Analyze and synthesize relevant information; i.e., interpret relevant historical facts
- Explain the significance of key issues associated with this period.
- Think critically and make informed judgments about this key period in history.

Procedures/Assignments:

It will be essential for you to keep up with your readings. If you follow the guidelines in the syllabus and don't allow yourselves to fall behind, you should have no trouble managing the workload for this class. Despite the number of students, much of what we do will take place in a seminar format with discussion of your readings routinely taking up a significant portion of each class session. Therefore, it will be necessary for you to have completed your assigned readings prior to the first day of class in any given week. You should be prepared to be called on and to contribute each and every session as class participation factors significantly in your final grade.

Class discussions will be difficult for you if you haven't read and lecture material will be more understandable if you have read the assigned material ahead of time.

Note: Please turn off cell phones or set them to vibrate mode *BEFORE* class begins.

Attendance:

Punctuality and regular attendance are necessary in order for you to do your best in any college class because you are still responsible for all material covered in class whether or not you are there. As indicated below, a substantial portion of your grade for this course will be based on attendance and class participation. During each class session there will be numerous opportunities for students to offer comments, ask questions, and participate in class discussions. If you are not here you cannot participate. Students accumulating more than 4 unexcused absences will have their final grade reduced by one letter. Excessive absences may result in your being dropped from the class. Any student who wishes to receive a grade of "W" must drop the class on or before Friday, October 15. Habitual tardiness, either alone or in combination with absences, will also adversely affect your final grade. It is your responsibility to keep up with your absences. It is also your responsibility to see me after class if you come in after attendance has been taken, as failure to do so will result in your being marked absent for that class session.

This class meets two times per week and I expect you to come to class on time and to remain in class for the entire session unless you have a genuine emergency during class, (illness, etc.) or unless you speak to me prior to class and advise me that you need to leave early. I consider this to be common courtesy to everyone in attendance.

All requests to take a missed exam will be considered on an individual basis. Any student who misses an exam **must contact me** to inquire about the possibility of taking a makeup. (Makeup exams, if permitted, will have to be taken at a time when I am available) No make-ups will be offered on quizzes, as I will drop your two lowest quiz grades.

Note: Laptops are not required for this class, but you may use one for taking notes provided you can do so in a responsible manner. While you are in my class please do not use them for ANYTHING else. I will warn a student once for such an infraction—a second offense will result in your being dropped from the class.

Grading:

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| Quizzes | 10% |
| Class Participation | 20% |
| Midterm Exam | 20% |
| Research Paper | 25% |
| Final Exam | 25% |
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| Course Total | 100% |

(This course follows a 10 point scale and I do assign +/- to final grades when warranted.)

Course Outline:

Week One—(August 23, 25) *Patriarch* (Prologue and Chapters 1 – 3)

Week Two—(August 30, September 1) *Patriarch* (Chapters 4 – 13)

Week Three—(September 8) *Patriarch* (Chapters 14 – Epilogue)

Week Four—(September 13, 15) *Magnificent Catastrophe* (Prologue and Chapters 1 – 5)

Week Five—(September 20, 22) *Magnificent Catastrophe* (Chapters 6 – 10 and Epilogue)

Week Six—(September 27, 29) *Wilderness so Immense* (Chapters 1 – 8)

Week Seven—(October 4, 6) *Wilderness so Immense* (Chapters 9 – 16 and Epilogue)

Fall Break --No class Monday, October 11

Week Eight—(October 13) Midterm Exam (You will need a small format Bluebook)

Week Nine—(October 18, 20) *Liberty and Power* (Introduction and Chapters 1 – 4)

Week Ten—(October 25, 27) *Liberty and Power* (Chapters 5 – 8)

Week Eleven—(November 1, 3) *What Hath God Wrought* (Prologue and Chapters 1 – 4)

Week Twelve—(November 8, 10) *What Hath God Wrought* (Chapters 6 – 8)

*Research Papers are due Monday, November 8 at the beginning of class.

Week Thirteen—(November 15, 17, 22*) *What Hath God Wrought* (Chapters 12 – 16)

*No class Wednesday, November 24---Thanksgiving Break

Week Fourteen—(November 29, December 1) *What Hath God Wrought* (Chapters 17 – 20 and Finale)

Week Fifteen—(December 6) Review for Final Exam

FINAL EXAM ----- Saturday, December 11 from 3:30 to 6:30pm

Based only on material covered after Midterm (You will need a small format bluebook)

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Academic Integrity Policy:

On all quizzes, exams, and papers you will be expected to abide by the UNCG Academic Integrity Policy, which may be reviewed at

<http://studentconduct.uncg.edu/policy/academicintegrity>. Please review this important document with an attention to detail, and feel free to ask questions if there is any part of the policy which you do not understand.

