

History 211~WI

United States History to 1865

Section 211-03, MWF 10:00 am
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Office Hours MWF 9:00- 10:00 am

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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 Text:

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:

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

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.

The two term exams will be a combination of short answer and short essay. They will be based on both the lectures and the text readings.

Attendance Policy:

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:

<i>Dates</i>	<i>Class discussion topic</i>	<i>Readings</i>
January 8	Intro & Discussion	
January 10	The Spanish and British Empires	Chapter One
January 12, 15	The Old World Spills Over to the New	↓
January 17, 19, 22	The Northern and Middle Colonies	Chapter Two
January 24	The Mercantile Empire	Chapter Three
January 26, 29	French and Indian War	↓
January 31, Feb. 2	A Slave Society First Reaction Paper Due on 31st !	Chapter Four
February 5, 7, 9, 12	Resistance & Revolution	Chapter Five
February 14	The Un-United States	Chapter Six
February 16, 19	The Myth & Miracle of Philadelphia	Chapter Seven
February 21	Federalists & Anti-Federalists~ Second Reaction Paper Due!	↓
February 23	One Last Issue with England	Chapter Eight
February 26	Review for Midterm	
February 28	Midterm Exam	<i>Good luck!</i>
March 2	No class – regroup after exam	
March 5-10	Spring Break	<i>Enjoy!</i>
March 12	The Market Revolution	Chapter 9
March 14, 16	Jacksonian Democracy	Chapter 10
March 19	The emergence of the two parties~ Third Reaction Paper Due!	↓
March 21, 23	The Peculiar Institution	Chapter 11
March 26	The Abolitionists and their Power	↓
March 28	Republican Ascendancy	<i>Chapter 12</i>
March 30	Breakdown Dead Ahead	↓
April 2, 4	Secession & Confederacy~ Fourth Reaction Paper Due on 2nd !	Chapter 13
April 6	Spring Holiday	<i>Enjoy yourself!</i>
April 9, 11, 13	The Campaigns and Battles	Chapter 14
April 16, 18, 20, 23	Individual Meetings for Papers	<i>Sign up for time</i>
April 25, 27	Victory, Defeat and Reunion~ Papers Due on 25th!	↓
April 30	Wrap Up & review	<i>Bring questions</i>
MAY 4 th at NOON	Final Exam	<i>Good luck!</i>

Any questions? Feel free to speak up in class at ANYTIME!