

The History of the United States to 1865

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HIS 211 Section 06

Online

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Course Description:

For many years, historians focused on statesmen and other great men as the sole agents of change in American history. This course shifts focus to ordinary Americans and their efforts to shape their own history and the history of their nation. The goals of this course are to introduce students to the controversies, trends, events, and actors in the first half of American history and to familiarize students with the analytical skills employed in the study of history.

As an online course, the class is structured in weekly units that cover approximately one chapter in the text each week. Each week the student is expected to read the assigned chapter, complete the two document quizzes as well as take a summative quiz. Each weekly unit also utilizes "Learning Curve." All of the readings and assignments can be found online via LaunchPad. However, I will also utilize Canvas and e-mail to communicate to you all.

Required Book: PLEASE NOTE- the e-book version of this book is available with Launch Pad, you do not have to purchase a physical copy of the textbook. You only need to purchase access to Launchpad.

Nancy Hewitt and Steven Lawson. *Exploring American Histories: A Survey With Sources Volume 1*, Second Edition. (Macmillan: New York, 2017)

Launchpad: All readings and assignments for this course are available on Launchpad. A subscription for this software is available with the purchase of the above textbook, or for a small fee, you can buy your subscription directly from the publisher. Please see Canvas for more information.

If you have difficulties, issues, or questions concerning Launchpad, please do not contact me. Please contact Macmillan Publishing either by calling (800) 936-6899

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Grading:

Every week you will be assigned a chapter in the text that includes primary source readings. Using Launchpad, you will also complete the following assignments for each chapter.

1. Document Quizzes: Each week, the assigned chapter includes readings for primary source documents and an accompanying quiz. These document quizzes are worth 5 points each.
2. Learning Curve: After reading each chapter and primary source documents, you will complete the Learning Curve assessment worth a total of 15 points each.
3. Summative Quizzes: At the end of each chapter, you will complete a quiz that covers the materials from the readings. These quizzes are worth 10 points each.
4. Document Analysis: As assigned during the semester, you will read additional primary source documents and complete a series of document analysis activities. These activities can be found under the “Thinking Through the Sources” tab (for this class, we will only be using chapter 11). Each activity is worth a total of 5 points.

NOTE: There are no exams (midterms or finals) assigned for this course.

Course Policies:

As an online course, it is imperative that you complete your work each week as scheduled. We will cover approximately one chapter a week (except the week of April 10, where you are assigned an additional set of documents that accompany chapter 11). That being said, if you need additional time to complete an assignment or quiz, you do not need to e-mail me to request it. Simply complete the assignment before the last day of the semester without penalty.

Course Schedule:

All readings and assignments can be found on LaunchPad. All weekly assignments are due by Sunday at midnight for the dates listed below (unless otherwise marked).

WEEK 1: Jan. 22

Chapter 1 “Mapping Global Frontiers”

Quiz Guided Analysis Document 1.1

Quiz for Comparative Analysis Documents 1.2 and 1.3

Quiz for Solo Analysis Document 1.4

Learning Curve for Chapter 1

Summative Quiz for Chapter 1

WEEK 2: Jan. 29

Chapter 2 “Colonization and Conflicts”

Quiz for Document 2.1

Quiz for Comparative Analysis Documents 2.2 and 2.3

Quiz for Solo Analysis Document 2.4

Learning Curve for Chapter 2

Summative Quiz for Chapter 2

WEEK 3: Feb. 5

Chapter 3 “Colonial America amid Global Change”

Quiz for Document 3.1

Quiz for Comparative Analysis Documents 3.2 and 3.3

Quiz for Solo Analysis Document 3.4

Learning Curve for Chapter 3

Summative Quiz for Chapter 3

WEEK 4: Feb. 12

Chapter 4 “Religious Strife and Social Upheavals”

Quiz for Document 4.1

Quiz for Comparative Analysis Documents 4.2 and 4.3

Quiz for Solo Analysis Document 4.4

Learning Curve for Chapter 4

Summative Quiz for Chapter 4

WEEK 5: Feb. 19

Chapter 5 “Wars and Empires”

Quiz for Document 5.1

Quiz for Comparative Analysis Documents 5.2 and 5.3

Quiz for Solo Analysis Document 5.4

Learning Curve for Chapter 5

Summative Quiz for Chapter 5

WEEK 6: Feb. 26

Chapter 6 “The American Revolution”

Quiz for Document 6.1

Quiz for Comparative Analysis Documents 6.2 and 6.3

Quiz for Solo Analysis Document 6.4

Learning Curve for Chapter 6

Summative Quiz for Chapter 6

WEEK 7: Mar. 5

Chapter 7 “Forging a New Nation”

Quiz for Document 7.1

Quiz for Comparative Analysis Documents 7.2 and 7.3

Quiz for Solo Analysis Document 7.4

Learning Curve for Chapter 7

Summative Quiz for Chapter 7

WEEK 8: Mar. 12

Chapter 8 “The Early Republic”

Quiz for Document 8.1

Quiz for Comparative Analysis Documents 8.2 and 8.3

Quiz for Solo Analysis Document 8.4

Learning Curve for Chapter 8

Summative Quiz for Chapter 8

WEEK 9: SPRING BREAK Mar. 12- Mar. 19

WEEK 10: Mar. 26

Chapter 9 “Defending and Redefining the Nation”

Quiz for Document 9.1

Quiz for Comparative Analysis Documents 9.2 and 9.3

Quiz for Solo Analysis Document 9.4

Learning Curve for Chapter 9

Summative Quiz for Chapter 9

WEEK 11: April 2

Chapter 10 “Slavery Expands South and West”

Quiz for Document 10.1

Quiz for Comparative Analysis Documents 10.2 and 10.3

Quiz for Solo Analysis Document 10.4

Learning Curve for Chapter 10

Summative Quiz for Chapter 10

WEEK 12: April 9

Chapter 11 “Social and Cultural Ferment in the North”

Quiz for Document 11.1

Quiz for Comparative Analysis Documents 11.2 and 11.3

Quiz for Solo Analysis Document 11.4

Learning Curve for Chapter 11

Summative Quiz for Chapter 11

WEEK 13: THURSDAY April 13

Chapter 11 from Thinking Through the Sources, “Debating Abolition”

WEEK 14: April 23

Chapter 12 “Imperial Ambitions and Sectional Crises”

Quiz for Document 12.1

Quiz for Comparative Analysis Documents 12.2 and 12.3

Quiz for Solo Analysis Document 12.4

Learning Curve for Chapter 12

Summative Quiz for Chapter 12

WEEK 15: April 30

Chapter 13 “Civil War”

Quiz for Document 13.1

Quiz for Comparative Analysis Documents 13.2 and 13.3

Quiz for Solo Analysis Document 13.4

Learning Curve for Chapter 13

Summative Quiz for Chapter 13