

History 211-04
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This course will survey both chronologically and topically the history of the United States from the first English settlement at Jamestown in 1607 through the Civil War. We will seek to understand the events of our early history in terms of individual decisions and the forces that shaped them, creating a unique American culture.

1. Required texts: Alan Brinkley, American History, A Survey. Vol. I to 1877. John H. Cary, Julius Weinberg, The Social Fabric: American Life from 1607-1877. Ninth Edition. Both texts are available in paperback from the campus and Addams bookstores. In your reading assignments, the chapters first cited refer to the Brinkley text. The dates when a Cary essay are assigned are indicated with a star.
2. Attendance: You are expected to attend class regularly. (You are held responsible for material presented in lectures which may not appear in your text.) With 6 unexcused absences, you will be dropped from the class. To be excused, contact me within 48 hours of your absence. Most acceptable excuse: you are too ill to be in class.
3. Cary essays in The Social Fabric: Read these essays before coming to class on the day they are assigned. After you read the essay, write a one- page summary of that essay. (Don't use the introduction to the essay in your summary.) I will collect the first four summaries on March 26 and the last four on April 28. We will discuss each of the essays in class, led by students assigned for that essay. The summaries and your class discussion of them are 20% of your final grade.
4. Tests and grades: There will be two one- hour tests and a final exam, which is cumulative. You will be given study guides for each. The tests are each 20% of your final grade, the essay summaries are 20%, and the exam is 40%.
5. This class follows a lecture format. You should take notes as you listen. It is very important to read your assignment BEFORE coming to class.

CLASS SCHEDULE

1/13 Introduction
1/15 Ch.1 The New World: cultures collide
1/17 Ch.1 The English arrive
1/20 NO CLASS
1/22 Ch.2 Chesapeake colonies: Virginia, Maryland
1/24 Ch.2 New England colonies
1/27 Ch.2 Restoration colonies: British Empire evolves
*1/29 Ch.3 Life in the colonies. Cary, Ch.3, *Husbands and Wives*
*1/31 Ch.3 Plantations and Puritans. Cary, Ch.4, *The Witchcraft Scare*
2/3 Ch.3 The Great Awakening
2/5 Ch.4 Struggle for the continent
2/7 Ch.4 The French and Indian War and its aftermath
*2/10 Ch.4 British policy inspires revolt. Cary, Ch.7, *Building an Army*

2/12 Ch.5 The American Revolution
2/14 Ch.5 Building state governments
2/17 Ch.5 Search for a national government
2/19 TEST
2/21 Ch.6 The American Constitution
2/24 Ch.6 New government begins; parties evolve
2/26 Ch.6 Downfall of the Federalists
2/28 Ch.7 Jeffersonian era
3/3 Ch.7 Jefferson as president
3/5 Ch.7 War of 1812
3/7 Ch.8 American nationalism. Video: Lewis & Clark
SPRING BREAK
3/17 Ch.8 “Era of Good Feelings”; Panic of 1819
3/19 Ch.8 Missouri Compromise; the “Corrupt Bargain”
3/21 Ch.9 Mass politics; nullification crisis
3/24 Ch.9 Indian removal. Cary, Ch.11, *Trail of Tears*
*3/26 Ch.9 Bank war; Van Buren. Turn in first 4 Cary summaries.
3/28 TEST
3/31 Ch.10 Rise of nativism; immigration
*4/2 Ch.10 Economic revolution. Cary, Ch.16, *Nation of Immigrants*
*4/4 Ch.10 Cult of Domesticity. Cary, Ch.14, *Midwestern Farms*
4/7 Ch.11 The Old South
*4/9 Ch.11 Southern slavery. Cary, Ch.15, *The African American Family*
4/11 Ch.12 Culture and reform
4/14 Ch.12 Remaking society
4/16 Ch.12 Crusade against slavery
4/18 NO CLASS
4/21 Ch.13 Manifest destiny
4/23 Ch.13 War with Mexico
4/25 Ch.13 Crisis of the 1850s
*4/28 Ch.14 Civil War; secession begins. Cary, Ch.20, *Why Soldiers Fought*
4/30 Ch.14 A nation divided
5/2 Video: The Civil War
5/5 Ch.14 The Civil War
5/6 Review

Exam: Friday, May 9, 12 noon

