

History 336

The Age of the Democratic Revolution

Fall Semester 2007

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Goals and Objectives:

Students will acquire (1) knowledge of the events of the American Constitutional Founding from the mid-18th century through the War of 1812; (2) understanding of Whig Ideology, Republicanism, Constitutionalism, and of Liberty and Slavery in the Revolutionary era; (3) familiarity with the function of political theory in eras of upheaval.

Required Reading:

Eric Nellis, *The Long Road to Change: America's Revolution, 1750-1820*

Mark Halperin and John Harris, *The Way to Win: Taking the White House in 2008* (not available in paperback until Sept. 15)

Course Schedule:

Aug. 21-23 Nellis, Introduction

Aug. 28-30 Nellis, ch. 1

Sept. 4-6 Nellis, ch. 2

Sept. 11-13 Nellis, ch. 3

Sept. 18-20 Nellis, ch. 4

Sept. 25-Oct. 4 class begins in Jackson Library, Tower level 5, adjacent elevators

Oct. 9-11 Nellis, ch. 5

Oct. 18 Mid-Term Examination

Oct. 23-25 Nellis ch. 6

Oct. 31-Nov. 1 Nellis, ch. 7

Nov. 6-8 Nellis, ch. 8

Nov. 13-15 Nellis, ch. 9 and Epilogue

Nov. 20-Dec. 4 small group reports

Dec. 6 review for Final Examination

Dec. 13, 8am, Final Examination

Assignments:

On all Thursdays of weeks with an assignment in Nellis, submit a 500 word response paper to the assignment.

From Sept. 25 to Oct. 4, the class will work in the Library on group projects on the theme of "The Way to Lose Whitehall in 1782." The instructor will explain the "Way to Lose Whitehall in 1782" project from Sept. 4 to 20.

Grading: response papers 25 percent;
Mid-term exam 25 percent;
Group project work 25 percent;
Final exam 25 percent.