

<u>Date</u>	<u>Syllabus Topic</u>	<u>Reading</u>
Aug. 28	Columbus	Text ch. 1
Aug. 30	Indian Givers	<u>After The Fact (ATF)</u> Prologue
Sep. 4	Jamestown Fiasco	Text ch. 2
Sep. 6	Coming of Slavery	ATF. Ch. 1
Sep. 11	Puritans	Text ch. 3
Sep. 13	Pequot War	ATF Ch. 5
Sep. 18	Pennsylvania	Text ch. 4
Sep. 20	Salem Witchcraft Trials	ATF ch. 2
Sep. 25	America at 1750	
Sep. 27	Catch-up and Review	
OCT.2	FIRST MIDTERM	Text chs. 1-4 ATF Pro-2, 5
Oct. 4	Colonial Tensions	Text ch.5
Oct. 9	Coming of the Revolution	ATF ch.3-4
Oct. 11	American Revolution	Text ch. 6
Oct. 16	Greatness of Washington	
Oct. 18	Bill of Rights	
Oct. 23	Jefferson v. Hamilton	Text chs. 7-8
Oct. 25	Jacksonian America	Text ch. 9
Oct. 30	Catch-up and Review	
NOV. 1	SECOND MIDTERM	Text chs. 5-9 ATF 3-4
Nov. 6	Slavery	<u>Killer Angels</u> (all), Text ch.10,11
Nov. 8	Black Hawk War	
Nov. 13	Mexican/American War	
Nov. 15	Coming of the Civil War	Text Ch.13
NOV. 19-23	THANKSGIVING!!!!	
Nov. 27	Fighting the Civil War	Text ch. 14
Nov. 29	<u>Glory</u>	ATF ch. 6-7
Dec. 4	<u>Glory II</u>	
Dec. 6	Reconstruction	Text Ch. 15
Dec. 11	Catch-up	
Dec. 13	Review	
DEC. 20 th (Thursday 1:30-4:00)	FINAL EXAM	Text chs. 10-11, 13-14 <u>Killer Angels</u>

Class Policy

The text for this course is Robert Cherny's Making America a History of the United States Brief Edition Vol. A to 1865. The text can get a little dense, so I would advise you to keep up with the reading. We will also be reading Davidson and Lytle, After the Fact and Michael Shaara's The Killer Angels. These books should be available in the bookstore.

We will have THREE exams in this class. **You must take all three exams in order to pass the class.** If you know that you will be forced to miss an exam, let me know in advance and we can make alternative arrangements. There will be two midterms worth 25% each and a final exam worth 50%. The two midterms will consist of three parts. There will be short answer I.D.'s and multiple choice questions. The I.D.'s will come from lecture, the multiple choice questions from the text. There will also be essay questions. The final exam will be very similar to the midterms except that it will include both a short essay and a comprehensive essay.

In a history class you should learn how to develop, express, and defend your positions both verbally and in writing. I would encourage you to develop your own opinions as long as you can support your ideas with historical evidence. In class you will be presented a wide variety of information in the form of lecture, the readings, and movies. You will be asked to draw independent conclusions from this body of information, and I will evaluate you on how well you defend your positions.

We will be dealing with sensitive topics in this class. I expect you to express your viewpoints, and I enjoy a spirited class discussion. However, it is essential that you respect your classmates and their opinions in order to build a forum of trust in which meaningful discussions can take place.

My office hours will be Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10-11 and 12:30-1:30. My office is Sci. 221. I have voicemail which I check every now and then at 338-7563. You can also reach me by e-mail at Msigmon@sfsu.edu I'm pretty faithful about answering e-mail.