

History 424:
History of the U.S., 1827-1877

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Office Hours: Monday, 1-3, Wednesday, 2-5, and by appointment.

Readings:

Harry Watson, Liberty and Power: The Politics of Jacksonian America
Peter Kolchin, American Slavery, 1619-1877
Christine L. Heyrman, Southern Cross
Lori Ginzberg, Women in Antebellum Reform
Frederick Douglass, Narrative of the Life . . .
James McPherson, Battle Cry of Freedom
Eric Foner, A Short History of Reconstruction; OR, Reconstruction:
America's Unfinished Revolution. Note: These are two different versions
of the same book.

Plus, an occasional photocopied document or article, to be handed out in class.

Note: books are available for purchase in the bookstore, and copies have
been placed on Reserve in the Leonard Library. Frederick Douglass's Narrative
can also be read on-line, at several different websites; one such location is:
<http://sunsite.berkeley.edu/Literature/Douglass/Autobiography>.

Requirements:

1. Two medium-length (5-7 page) essays, based upon critical analysis of the readings for the class. Each essay is worth 20% of the total grade. They are due on March 20 and May 19.
2. Four brief (one-page) essays, answering specific questions about the readings. You will have five questions in all, from which you must select four. (No late papers accepted.) The combined value of these essays is 20% of the total. Due dates: Feb. 18, Mar. 6, Apr. 12, Apr. 17, May 8.
3. A final exam, worth 30% of the grade. It will be held on May 22.
4. Class participation will make up the remaining 10% of the grade; the class will be conducted on a lecture-discussion format. Please complete reading assignments and one-page essays before the appropriate class.

5. Graduate students enrolled in the course for credit will have one additional assignment. Also, they **MUST** use the full, unabridged Foner work (the rest of you may use the short version).

6. **All** written assignments **must** be completed in order to pass the course.

Lecture and Discussion Topics:

Reading Assignments:

Jan. 30:	Introductions	
Feb. 1:	Why 1827-1877?	Watson, 3-15.
Feb. 3:	The Market Revolution, I.	Watson, 17-41.
Feb. 6:	Cont.	Watson, 42-95.
Feb. 8:	Equality in Tocqueville's America	Watson, 96-131.
Feb. 10:	Laboring Lives: Women Workers in the Early Factory System	Watson, 132-71.
Feb. 14:	The Issue of States' Rights	Watson, 172-230.
Feb. 16:	Jacksonian Political Culture	Watson, 231-53.
Feb. 18:	Money and Politics: Discuss <u>Liberty and Power</u>	One-page essay due
Feb. 20:	Studying Slavery	Kolchin, ix-62.
Feb. 22:	Changing Nature of Racial Slavery	
Feb. 24:	Republicanism and Slavery	Kolchin, 63-92.
Feb. 27:	Slaves and Slavery in the Antebellum South	Kolchin, 93-168.
Mar. 1:	The Slave Market	Begin Douglass
Mar. 3:	The Cotton Kingdom	Kolchin, 169-99.
Mar. 6:	Discuss <u>Am. Slavery</u> and <u>Narrative</u>	Douglass, entire One-page essay due
Mar. 8:	Religion and the Reform Impulse	Heyrman, 3-27.
Mar. 10:	From Social Control to Self-Control	Heyrman, 28-76.
Mar. 13:	Cults, Come-Outers, and Conservatives	Heyrman, 77-160.
Mar. 15:	Video	Heyrman, 161-205.
Mar. 17:	Slavery and Sectionalism	Heyrman, 206-60.
Mar. 20:	The Great Reaction	LONGER ESSAY DUE
Mar. 22:	Women in the Nineteenth Century: Ideals and Realities	Ginzberg, ix-x, 1-14
Mar. 24:	Expanding Women's Sphere	Ginzberg, 15-32.

Mar. 27:	Case Studies in Reform	Ginzberg, 33-56.
Mar. 29:	Video: "Rebel Hearts"	
Mar. 31:	C. Chavez holiday: no class.	
Apr.1-9:	SPRING BREAK--enjoy!	
Apr. 10:	The Transformation of Anti-Slavery	Ginzberg, 57-89; Preface by Garrison, letter by Phillips, in Douglass
Apr. 12:	Battle Against Northern Racism	One-page essay due
Apr. 14:	Women's Wrongs/ Women's Rights	Ginzberg, 90-121.
Apr. 17:	Political Culture of Women's Rights; Discuss <u>Women in Antebellum Reform</u>	One-page essay due
Apr. 19:	From One Nation into Two: The Crises of The 1850s	McPherson, 3-46.
Apr. 21:	Cont.	McPherson, 47-144.
Apr. 24:	Cont.	McPherson, 145-233.
Apr. 26:	Secession and War	McPherson, 234-338.
Apr. 28:	From Civil War to Revolution	McPherson, Optional
May 1:	Optional Discussion of Civil War Strategy	McPherson, Optional
May 3:	Lincoln, Slavery, and the Civil War	Foner, preface, chap. 1, 2 (i.e., pp. ix-34 in <u>Short</u>)
May 5:	War and Society, North and South	Foner, chap. 3, 4.
May 8:	The Failure of Land Reform	Foner, chap. 5, 6 One-page paper due
May 10:	Politics of Reconstruction	Foner, chap. 7, 8.
May 12:	Cont.	Foner, chap. 9, 10
May 15:	"Redemption"	Foner, chap. 11,12
May 17:	Cont.	
May 19:	Assessing Fundamental Changes in American Society/ Discuss Foner	LONGER ESSAY DUE
May 22:	FINAL EXAM (from 10:45-1:15)	

