

History 120.3: U.S. History to 1877 Fall 2006 Course Syllabus

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Meeting/Location: T-Th 8:10-9:25; HSS 310

Office/Hours: SCI 265; M 5:00-6:00, Tues 12:30-2:00, and by appointment

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Course Description:

This course is a survey of United States history thru Reconstruction. We begin by looking at the diverse peoples and cultures inhabiting North America prior to English settlement, and then explore such topics as contacts between natives, Europeans, and Africans; creation of the Republic; slavery; Western expansion; women's social and political activism; the Civil War; and conclude by examining African-American political participation and ethnic relations in the Reconstruction era. Students are expected to have course materials read prior to class and be prepared to discuss the primary source documents in the assigned readings. In addition to lectures and class discussion we will also view pertinent documentaries throughout the semester in order to provide visual sources that will add to our understanding of the changes and continuities of modern American history.

Required Texts:

- *Making America: A History of the United States, Volume A to 1877*, Carol Berkin et al
- *A More Perfect Union – Documents in U.S. History: Volume 1: to 1877*, 6th Edition, Boller, Paul F. and Ronald Story
- *Voices of a Peoples History of the United States*, Howard Zinn and Anthony Arnove

Course Requirements:

Quizzes:	40%	There will be 4 quizzes on the readings worth 10% each. Quizzes consist of 20 multiple choice questions and are given at the beginning of class on the specified date.
Midterm:	30%	The Midterm and Final are written exams based on lectures and readings. They will consist of identifications and an essay:
Final:	30%	students will choose 5 of 7 ids and 1 of 3 essays. Bring bluebooks.
Extra Credit:	Up to 10%	Reviews of films, books, or plays with themes in U.S History <i>To 1877</i> . Film reviews are 1-2 pages (worth up to 2%); book reviews are 3-5 pages (worth up to 5%). Film and book lists will be provided.

Course Schedule

Aug. 29-31: Antecedents: the First Americans

Making America, Chapter 1

Voices, pp. 35-42

Sept. 5-7: Encounters and Contacts: Natives, Europeans, and Africans

Making America, Chapter 2

Sept. 12-14: Puritans and the English Settlements

Making America, Chapter 3

More Perfect Union, pp. 4-7, 12-16, 21-24

Voices, pp. 63-68

Sept. 19-21: **Quiz 1 (Sept. 21)**

Mercantile wars; the institution of slavery in North America

Making America, Chapter 4

More Perfect Union, pp. 17-20

Voices, pp. 51-61

Sept. 26-28: Rebellion in the colonies

Making America, Chapter 5

More Perfect Union, 59-64

Voices, pp. 79-83, 87-91

Oct. 3-5: War of Independence

Making America, Chapter 6

More Perfect Union, pp. 65-68

Voices, pp. 96-100

Oct. 10-12: **Quiz 2 (Oct. 12)**

Toward a Republic

Making America, Chapter 7

More Perfect Union, pp. 69-75, 82-86

Voices, pp. 104-107

Oct. 17: The Jeffersonian vision and compromise

Making America, Chapter 8

More Perfect Union, pp. 78-81, 87-92, 97-101

Voices, pp. 133-135

Midterm: Thursday, Oct. 19

Oct. 24-26: The New National Agenda
Making America, Chapter 9
More Perfect Union, pp. 107-112
Voices, pp. 135-146

Oct. 31-Nov. 2: Toward industrializing America; development of two economies
Making America, Chapter 10
More Perfect Union, pp.134-145
Voices, pp. 167-173,

Nov. 7-9: **Quiz 3 (Nov. 9)**
Reactions to a changing America
Making America, Chapter 11
More Perfect Union, pp. 146-151, 159-163
Voices, pp. 197-200

Nov. 14-16: Manifest Destiny and western expansion; women groundbreakers
Making America, Chapter 12
More Perfect Union, pp. 116-121
Voices, pp. 123-129, 156-160, 164-166

Nov. 21-23: Thanksgiving Recess: No Class

Nov. 28-30: **Quiz 4 (Nov. 30)**
A Nation Divided
Making America, Chapter 13
More Perfect Union, pp. 186-191, 196-204
Voices, pp. 115-121, 174-176, 180-190

Dec. 5-7: Rupture: the American Civil War
Making America, Chapter 14
More Perfect Union, pp. 209-212, 214-226
Voices, pp. 200-208

Dec. 12: Reconstruction and arrested development of racial and economic equality
Making America, Chapter 15
More Perfect Union, pp. 231-247
Voices, pp. 191-196

Dec. 14: Final Review

Final Exam: Dec. 19, 8:00-10:30

Quiz/Exam Dates:

Quiz 1: September 21

Quiz 2: October 12

Midterm: October 19

Quiz 3: November 9

Quiz 4: November 30

Final Exam: December 19

If you are unable to take a scheduled quiz or exam it is the student's responsibility to notify me in advance. Makeup quizzes and exams are only given in cases of emergency and with prior notification. If an unexpected emergency should arise please contact me as soon as possible

***Please turn-off all electronic devices during class time--except for note-taking purposes.**