

**Survey of U.S. History: U.S Thru Reconstruction**  
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History 120, Section 5  
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**Course Requirements:**

Required Books: (All are available in the SFSU Bookstore in paperback):  
Eric Foner, *Give Me Liberty! An American History*, Vol. 1  
Henry Louis Gates, *The Classic Slave Narratives*  
Colin Calloway, *The World Turned Upside Down*

Grades will be based on the following quizzes, midterm and final exam:

1. Four quizzes, each worth 10 points (10%) towards your final grade.
  2. One midterm exam (25% of grade).
  3. One final exam (35% of grade).
- If you cannot take a scheduled exam or quiz you **MUST** contact me before the test. A make-up test will be given only if you let me know of your absence in advance. If you experience a serious emergency on the day of any test, please see me as soon as possible to schedule a make-up test. Again if you will be absent from class and will miss a quiz or test you **MUST CONTACT ME**. If you do not contact me you will not be able to take a make-up test.
  - If you need any assistance, or just want to talk, please do not hesitate to see me during my office hours or make an appointment to see me at another time. You can always reach me by e-mail for any matter and I will respond within a day. Assistance is also available through the Learning Assistance Center (Phone ext. 81993).
  - If you are interested in forming a study group for the exams please see me a few weeks prior to the mid-term and/or final.
  - You have one opportunity to submit work for extra credit. You can write one five page typed paper based on a question concerning the assigned slave narratives. I will announce the question in advance. Ten points will be added to your midterm grade for a paper that is thoughtful and well written. For example, if your midterm grade is 75/100, a good extra credit paper will lift the grade to 85/100.) You must discuss your paper with me before you decide to write it. These papers are due on November 9 in class. Papers will not be accepted at any other time. No exceptions allowed.

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**Lecture Schedule and Assigned Readings:**

Week 1: Aug. 31

Pre-Columbian Civilizations

Read: Give Me Liberty: Chapter 1

Week 2: Sept. 7

The Founding of Colonial America: The Chesapeake and Slavery

Read: Give Me Liberty: Chapter 2

Week 3: Sept. 14

The Founding of Colonial America: Puritan Settlement

Read: Calloway, *The World Turned Upside Down*, pp. 1-77

**Quiz and discussion on Calloway, Thursday Sept. 14**

Week 4: Sept. 21

Empire Building

Read: Give Me Liberty: Chapter 3

For Thursday: Calloway, *The World Turned Upside Down*, pp. 78-145

**Quiz and discussion on Calloway, Thursday Sept. 21**

Week 5: Sept. 28

18th Century Society and Thought

Read: Give Me Liberty: Chapter 4

Week 6: Oct. 5

The American Revolution

Read: Give Me Liberty: Chapters 5 and 6

For Thursday: Calloway, *The World Turned Upside Down*, pp. 146-169

**Quiz and discussion on Calloway, Thursday Oct. 5**

Week 7: Oct. 12

The Constitution, Freedom and Slavery

Read: Give Me Liberty: Chapter 7

Week 8: Oct. 19

**MIDTERM EXAM ON Tuesday Oct. 19**

Jeffersonian America and the First Party System

Read: Give Me Liberty: Chapter 8

Week 9: Oct. 26

The Market Revolution and Jacksonian America.

Read: Give Me Liberty: Chapter 9

Week 10: Nov. 2

The Antebellum World: Expansion of Democracy

Read: Give Me Liberty: Chapter 10

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Week 11: Nov. 9  
Southern Society: Masters  
Read: Give Me Liberty: Chapter 11

Week 12: Nov. 16  
Southern Society: Slaves  
Read: In Gates, *The Classic Slave Narratives*, both “The Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass,” and “Incidents in the Life of a Slave Girl.”  
**Quiz and discussion on the two narratives on Thursday Nov. 16**

Week 13: Nov. 23  
**THANKSGIVING VACATION NO CLASS**

Week 14: Nov. 30  
Abolitionism, Free Soil and The Impending Crisis  
Read: Give Me Liberty: Chapters 12 and 13

Week 15: Dec. 7  
The Civil War and Reconstruction  
Read: Give Me Liberty, Chapters 14 and 15

Week 16: Dec. 14  
Industrial Growth and Social Conflict  
Review

**Final Exam: Thursday Dec. 14, 4:10-6:55**