

Syllabus
History 1133-X63
Survey of American History to 1865
Fall Semester 2023

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Overview:

This course is designed to go over the history of America up to 1865. In this course, students will examine the history of colonial America and the United States to the end of the Civil War. Some themes that will be discussed include the early Americans, colonization, the Revolutionary Era, the Constitution, Manifest Destiny, Sectionalism/Slavery, the Trail of Tears, and the Civil War. This class is divided into three sections: Colonialism to the Revolution; the Revolution to the Jacksonian Era; the Jacksonian Era to the Civil War. At the end of the semester, students will be able to look at the significant historical events in chronological order and analyze their causes and effects.

Objectives:

- Examine the historical events—and their causes and effects— that have shaped the United States until 1865.
- Analyze how culture, land, language, and identity motivated exploration, settlement, war, and treaties.
- Develop writing skills by summarizing your ideas, forming a thesis and supporting said thesis with evidence from the textbook and primary sources.

Required Texts:

1. Locke and Wright, eds., *The American Yawp, Vol 1: To 1877*.
 - a. This textbook is available online for free at <https://www.americanyawp.com/>. This online textbook provides the textbook chapters for the course. You do ***NOT*** need to purchase a physical textbook. There is also a PDF available online for e-Readers.
2. The American Yawp Reader
 - a. This primary source reader is available online for free at <https://www.americanyawp.com/reader.html>. This online reader provides the primary sources for the course.

Assignments:

1. Syllabus Quiz: 2%
 - a. You will take a syllabus quiz the first week of class. It covers the materials found on the syllabus. You are welcome to consult the syllabus as you take it.
2. Three 2-Page Discussion Papers: 18%
 - a. More detail about the layout and requirement of these papers are in the **Discussion Papers** section.

3. Attendance and Participation: 10%
 - a. You are responsible for material presented in lectures (PowerPoints) and in the readings; knowledge of both will be necessary for papers and the final exam. For this online class, **your attendance and participation are calculated based on 6 reading quizzes and instructional viewing. D2L tracks when you access an activity and for how long. Do all activities/view all necessary PowerPoints, links, videos, etc. to achieve a perfect score.**
4. Three Exams: 70%
 - a. You will take **3 exams** during the semester. Each exam will consist of **48 multiple choice and 2 short answers**. Before each exam, you will receive a series of possible question themes that you should spend time researching/preparing. You will be required to answer the short answers in paragraph form. Your final exam will be given during MSU Texas' finals week on D2L.

Discussion Papers

Students will be graded on three Discussion Papers that are no more than two pages. Not completing these Discussion Papers will negatively affect the overall grade. More detailed instructions will be posted separately under the Syllabus section on D2L.

- You are to pick **one topic** that has been discussed in lectures prior to the paper being due and write about **why it happened, how people felt about it, who was involved**, etc. You are to use your textbook and any primary source listed in the course schedule to back up your argument.
- Papers are due at the time indicated on D2L and in the syllabus. Papers must be submitted to D2L through the dropbox feature on the day and time indicated on the syllabus.
- Late discussion papers policy: Late discussion papers will not be graded.
- Papers need to be typed with 12 pt font, Times New Roman double-spaced, and have one-inch margins. At the top of the paper, you need to include your name, class, instructor's name, and date in a single spaced format. Please proofread these papers for mistakes and errors.

Other Policies

- No late papers.
- All assignments are to be submitted in Dropbox when they are due. The only accepted formats are PDF and Microsoft Word.
- Work outside of school, extracurricular activities, and having a number of assignments due in the same week or on the same day are not acceptable reasons for handing work in late.
- **DEATH OF IMMEDIATE FAMILY MEMBERS, WITH DOCUMENTATION, WILL BE APPROVED. ILLNESS MUST HAVE DOCTOR'S NOTE** in order to make-up assignments but this is still up to the discretion of the professor.

Desire-to-Learn (D2L)

Extensive use of the MSU D2L program is a part of this course. Each student is expected to be familiar with this program as it provides a primary source of communication regarding assignments, examination materials, and general course information. You can log into D2L

through the MSU Homepage. If you experience difficulties, please contact the technicians listed for the program or contact your instructor.

- **Computer Requirements**

- It is your responsibility to have (or to have access to) a working computer in this class. Computers are available on campus in various areas of the buildings as well as the Academic Success Center. **Your computer not working or the internet being down is not an excuse for missing a deadline!** If you have technical difficulties in the course, there is also a student help desk available to you. The college cannot work directly on student computers due to both liability and resource limitations however they are able to help you get connected to our online services. For help, log into D2L. **All students should download the app Pulse (Brightspace Pulse) This app will alert you to due dates and to announcements.**
- The following includes the minimum software and hardware recommendations:
 - PC Desktops and laptops Minimum Specification
 - Intel Core (i3, i5, i7) processors; 4th generation or newer
 - 4 GB of RAM, 8 GB of RAM is highly recommended
 - 256 GB SSD Storage
 - Dual Band spectrum (2.4 GHz and 5 GHz) with 802.11ac or 802.11n
 - Use Windows' Operating System and PC Info to find your hardware information
 - Mac desktops and laptops Minimum Specifications
 - Intel Core (i3, i5, i7) processors; 4th generation or newer
 - 4 GB of RAM, 8 GB of RAM is highly recommended
 - 256 GB SSD Storage
 - Dual Band spectrum (2.4 GHz and 5 GHz) with 802.11ac or 802.11n
 - Use Apple's "About this Mac" feature to find your hardware information
 - Chromebooks are not recommended, as they will not work with D2L.

Academic Dishonesty

The following constitutes plagiarism: "the use, deliberate or not, of any outside source without proper acknowledgment. While the work of others often constitutes a necessary resource for academic research, such work must be properly used and credited to the original author. This principle applies to professional scholars as well as to students. All work that students submit or present as part of course assignments or requirements must be their own original work. When students use the specific thoughts, ideas, writings, or expressions of others, they must accompany each instance of use with some form of attribution to the source. Direct quotes from any source (including the Internet) must be placed in quotation marks...and be accompanied by an appropriate citation." Plagiarism will result in the offender receiving zero in the course. **FIRST TIME WILL BE A WARNING WITH A 0/ZERO on the assignment. SECOND TIME WILL BE A 0/ZERO on the assignment, FAIL CLASS, AND REPORT TO STUDENT LIFE. This also applies to any work done with ANY AI tools. Turnitin runs your assignments through AI and plagiarism detectors, so DO NOT use AI in your assignments. If the LMS detects 33% of your Discussion Paper is generated by AI, you will automatically get an F on the assignment. LAST SEMESTER SEVERAL ONLINE STUDENTS WERE CAUGHT FOR PLAGIARISM AND CHEATING ON THE EXAM.**

Refund and Repayment Policy

A student who withdraws or is administratively withdrawn from Midwestern State University (MSU) may be eligible to receive a refund for all or a portion of the tuition, fees and room/board charges that were paid to MSU for the semester. HOWEVER, if the student received financial aid (federal/state/institutional grants, loans and/or scholarships), all or a portion of the refund may be returned to the financial aid programs. As described below, two formulas (federal and state) exist in determining the amount of the refund. (Examples of each refund calculation will be made available upon request).

Accommodation

In accordance with Section 504 of the Federal Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, Midwestern State University endeavors to make reasonable accommodations to ensure equal opportunity for qualified persons with disabilities to participate in all educational, social, and recreational programs and activities. After notification of acceptance, students requiring accommodations should make an application for such assistance through Disability Support Services, located in the Clark Student Center, Room 168, (940) 397-4140. Current documentation of a disability will be required in order to provide appropriate services, and each request will be individually reviewed. For more details, please go to <https://msutexas.edu/student-life/disability/>.

Nondiscrimination Statement

Midwestern State University does not discriminate on the basis of sex, religion, creed, national origin, race, age, disability, or any other basis prohibited by law. If you believe you have been discriminated against unlawfully, please bring this matter to the attention of your professor or to the Human Resource Office.

Smoking/Tobacco Policy

College policy strictly prohibits the use of tobacco products in any building owned or operated by MSU TEXAS. Adult students may smoke only in the outside designated-smoking areas at each location.

Alcohol and Drug Policy

To comply with the Drug Free Schools and Communities Act of 1989 and subsequent amendments, students and employees of Midwestern State are informed that strictly enforced policies are in place which prohibits the unlawful possession, use or distribution of any illicit drugs, including alcohol, on university property or as part of any university-sponsored activity. Students and employees are also subject to all applicable legal sanctions under local, state and federal law for any offenses involving illicit drugs on University property or at University-sponsored activities.

Drop Date

Last Day to drop with a grade of "W" is **30 October 2023 at 4:00PM**. It is the student's responsibility to visit with their academic advisor prior to withdrawing from a class. Students must come to the Dean of Students office located in the Clark Student Center, room 104, to fill out a withdrawal slip.

Change of Schedule

A student dropping a course (but not withdrawing from the University) within the first twelve class days of a regular semester or the first four class days of a summer semester is eligible for a 100% refund of applicable tuition and fees. Dates are published in the Schedule of Classes each semester.

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Grade Appeal Process

Students who wish to appeal a grade should consult the Midwestern State University [MSU Catalog](#).

Student Handbook

Refer to: [Student Handbook 2021-22](#).

Grading Scale:

90-100 = A

80-89 = B

70-79 = C

60-69 = D

0-59 = F

Extra Credit:

There will be times that I offer extra credit. **IT IS NOT GUARANTEED**. If you go to said extra credit sessions, you will need to document it and send it to my email (a selfie, the brochure from the event, etc.)

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Date	Readings	Assignment
August 28 - September 29	Colonialism to the Revolution	Syllabus Quiz Two Reading Quizzes Discussion Paper 1 Exam 1
Monday, August 28 - Friday, September 1	American Yawp, Ch. 1: “The New World” https://www.americanyawp.com/text/01-the-new-world/ Primary Sources: https://www.americanyawp.com/reader/the-new-world/	Syllabus Quiz DUE by Friday, September 1 at 11:59PM.
Monday, September 4 - Friday, September 8	No Class Monday: Labor Day American Yawp, Ch. 2: “Colliding Cultures” https://www.americanyawp.com/text/02-colliding-cultures/s/ Primary Sources: https://www.americanyawp.com/reader/colliding-cultures/	Reading Quiz DUE by Friday, September 8 at 11:59PM (chs. 1 & 2).
Monday, September 11 - Friday, September 15	American Yawp, Ch. 3: “British North America” https://www.americanyawp.com/text/03-british-north-america/ Primary Sources: https://www.americanyawp.com/reader/british-north-america/	Discussion Paper 1 DUE by Friday, September 15 at 11:59PM
Monday, September 18 - Friday, September 22	American Yawp, Ch. 4: “Colonial Society” https://www.americanyawp.com/text/04-colonial-society/ Primary Sources: https://www.americanyawp.com/reader/colonial-society/	Reading Quiz DUE by Friday, September 22 at 11:59PM (chs. 3 & 4)
Monday, September 25 - Friday, September 29	American Yawp, Ch. 5: The American Revolution https://www.americanyawp.com/text/05-the-american-revolution/ Primary Sources: https://www.americanyawp.com/reader/the-american-revolution/	Exam posted on Wednesday afternoon, due Sunday by 11:59PM.

Date	Readings	Assignment
October 2 - November 3	The Revolution to the Jacksonian Era	Two Reading Quizzes Discussion Paper 2 Exam 2
Monday, October 2 - Friday, October 6	<p style="text-align: center;">American Yawp, Ch. 6: “A New Nation” https://www.americanyawp.com/text/06-a-new-nation/</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Primary Sources: https://www.americanyawp.com/reader/a-new-nation/</p>	
Monday, October 9 - Friday, October 13	<p style="text-align: center;">American Yawp, Ch. 7: “The Early Republic” https://www.americanyawp.com/text/07-the-early-republic/</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Primary Sources: https://www.americanyawp.com/reader/the-early-republic/</p>	Reading Quiz DUE by Friday, October 13 at 11:59PM (chs. 6 & 7)
Monday, October 16 - Friday, October 20	<p style="text-align: center;">American Yawp, Ch. 8: “The Market Revolution” https://www.americanyawp.com/text/08-the-market-revolution/</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Primary Sources: https://www.americanyawp.com/reader/the-market-revolution/</p>	Discussion Paper 2 DUE by Friday, October 20 at 11:59PM.
Monday, October 23 - Friday, October 27	<p style="text-align: center;">American Yawp, Ch. 9: “Democracy in America” https://www.americanyawp.com/text/09-democracy-in-america/</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Primary Sources: https://www.americanyawp.com/reader/democracy-in-america/</p>	Reading Quiz DUE by Friday, October 27 at 11:59PM (chs. 8 & 9)
Monday, October 30 - Friday, November 3	<p style="text-align: center;">American Yawp, Ch. 10: “Religion and Reform” https://www.americanyawp.com/text/10-religion-and-reform/</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Primary Sources: https://www.americanyawp.com/reader/religion-and-reform/</p>	Exam posted on Wednesday afternoon, due Sunday at 11:59PM.

Date	Readings	Assignments
November 6 - December 8	The Jacksonian Era to the Civil War	Two Reading Quizzes Discussion Paper 3
Monday, November 6 - Friday, November 10	<p>American Yawp, Ch. 11: "The Cotton Revolution" https://www.americanyawp.com/text/11-the-cotton-revolution/</p> <p>Primary Sources: https://www.americanyawp.com/reader/the-cotton-revolution/</p>	
Monday, November 13 - Friday, November 17	<p>American Yawp, Ch. 12: "Manifest Destiny" https://www.americanyawp.com/text/12-manifest-destiny/</p> <p>Primary Sources: https://www.americanyawp.com/reader/manifest-destiny/</p>	Reading Quiz DUE by Friday, November 17 at 11:59PM (chs. 11 & 12)
Monday, November 20 - Friday, November 24	Thanksgiving Break starts at 10PM on Tuesday, November 21!	Catch up on your readings for this class if needed.
Monday, November 27 - Friday, December 1	<p>American Yawp, Ch. 13: "The Sectional Crisis" https://www.americanyawp.com/text/13-the-sectional-crisis/</p> <p>Primary Sources: https://www.americanyawp.com/reader/the-sectional-crisis/</p>	Discussion Paper 3 DUE by Friday, December 1 at 11:59PM
Monday, December 4 - Friday, December 8	<p>American Yawp, Ch. 14: "The Civil War" https://www.americanyawp.com/text/14-the-civil-war/</p> <p>Primary Sources: https://www.americanyawp.com/reader/the-civil-war/</p>	Reading Quiz DUE by Friday, December 8 at 11:59PM (chs. 13 & 14)
FINALS WEEK	Take Home Final Exam Due (Date TBA)	