## American History to 1865

HIST 1133 • Spring 2021

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#### **COURSE DESCRIPTION:**

Why did Europeans colonize the Americas in the 1600s, patriots overthrow their mother country in the 1700s, and Americans fight a deadly war against one another in the 1800s? This course examines the history of colonial America and the United States to the end of the Civil War. The first third explores the effects of colonization, including the rise of race-based slavery, the displacement of Indigenous peoples, and the road to revolution. The second third considers how diverse Americans envisioned the meanings and consequences of independence. The final third examines the polarizing politics of slavery that led to the secession of eleven states. It took a deadly civil war to restore the Union and destroy slavery. Throughout the semester, we will contemplate what it meant to be free—or unfree—at various moments in American history.

At the same time, we will look at how past events continue to shape today's society. Each week, you will read two to three short editorials, essays, or articles that look at the uses (and misuses) of history. We'll consider how people today reckon with our nation's history.

By the end of the semester, you should be able to:

- Synthesize historical material about colonial America, the American Revolution, the early republic, the antebellum era, and the era of the Civil War
- Develop an argument that draws on primary sources to answer a historical question
- Identify and evaluate the arguments of primary and secondary sources, paying close attention to language and context
- Communicate effectively by writing clear, well-supported exams and papers
- Recognize the importance of American history to today's world

#### **REQUIRED READINGS:**

Locke and Wright, eds., The American Yawp, Vol. 1: To 1877

• This textbook is available for free online at <u>http://www.americanyawp.com</u>. Should you desire a hard copy, you can either print out the chapters (~ 40 pages each) or purchase a print edition in the book store or on <u>Amazon</u> (currently listed for \$18.99).

The American Yawp Reader, http://www.americanyawp.com/reader.html

• This collection of primary sources is available for free online. The sections correspond with chapters in *The American Yawp*. The primary sources are also available at the end of each chapter under "Primary Sources."

Articles and chapters posted to D2L

• Each week, you will find PDFs or links to two or three short articles that exam some aspect of the week's readings. These will be the basis of your response papers.

#### **COURSE EXPECTATIONS:**

**ATTENDANCE AND CLASS MEETINGS IN THE AGE OF COVID:** Unfortunately, we are living in uncertain times. As a result, I promise to be flexible and patient with you all in the coming semester. If you need an extension on an assignment, another accommodation, or anything else, please let me know. We'll work together to make a plan that fits your needs. Because this class is currently designated as Face to Face (F2F), it will meet in its regularly scheduled rooms but will utilize social distancing and an assigned seating chart. Given the capacity of the room, some students will rotate out every day. See D2L for more information about which day you should attend. When you are not attending class in person, please tune into the "livestream" via Zoom on D2L.

Lastly, **do not come to class if you are feeling under the weather or have been exposed to COVID.** No exceptions. Should you feel up to it, you can tune into the livestream. If you need to inform that university of a positive test or possible exposure, please <u>use this form</u>. Most importantly, stay safe, stay healthy, and follow the MSU mask policies. The mask policy in my classroom and my office is the same as MSU's mask policies. This means you will wear your mask whenever you are attending class in-person or visiting my office hours.

**READING ASSIGNMENTS:** You are expected to complete all assigned reading, which includes your textbook, primary sources, and short newspaper/magazine articles. Each of these should be read differently.

- Read the textbook for major themes and content. Consider the context, causes, and consequences of the people and events it discusses.
- Read the primary sources for perspective. Why is the author writing the source? What does it reveal about the time the author lived?
- Read the short articles for a historian's perspective about the past. What argument is the author they making and why? What sources do they use to make that argument? What does it reveal about the uses of history in today's world?

**READING QUIZZES (12%):** There will be six reading quizzes throughout the semester and 1 syllabus quiz. They are timed (15 minutes) through D2L and consist of 10 multiple choice questions based on the textbook chapter. They are due by midnight on Friday (but will be posted a week prior). A missed quiz will be recorded as a zero. Your lowest quiz grade will be dropped.

**DOCUMENT ANALYSES (10%):** Throughout the semester you will be required to turn in three 1-2 page document analyses (DA) based on primary-source readings. You can choose which week you respond based on your schedule and/or interests, but you must complete one by each exam. (You can turn in a DA on the day of an exam.) To earn extra credit, students may turn in a DA any week prior to an exam week. You will receive 1 extra credit point added to the multiple choice portion of their exam. See the schedule below.

- Your first DA is due by Feb. 12 (or on/before Feb. 5 for extra credit).
- Your second DA is due by March 19 (or on/before March 12 for extra credit).
- Your third DA is due by April 23 (or on/before April 16 for extra credit).

Your Document Analysis should respond to **one** primary source in the *American Yawp Reader* (link on D2L, also available under "Primary Sources" at the end of each online chapter). These assignments are to be turned in, via D2L, during the week that the sources are assigned. An instruction sheet on how to complete these assignments is on D2L. Should you want handwritten feedback, please turn in a hard-copy of your DA in addition to submitting it to D2L.

**RESPONSE PAPERS (10%):** Throughout the semester you will be required to turn in three 1-2 page Response Papers (RP) to short secondary sources. You can choose which week you respond based on your schedule and/or interests, but you must complete one by each exam. (You can turn in a Response Paper on the day of an exam.) To earn extra credit, students may turn in a RP any week prior to an exam week. You will receive 1 extra credit points added to the multiple choice portion of their exam. See the schedule below.

- Your first RP is due by Feb. 12 (or on/before Feb. 5 for extra credit).
- Your second RP is due by March 19 (or on/before March 12 for extra credit).
- Your third RP is due by April 23 (or on/before April 16 for extra credit).

Your Response Paper should respond to one of the short readings available online through D2L. These assignments are to be turned in, via D2L, during the week that the readings are assigned. An instruction sheet on how to complete these assignments is on D2L. Should you want handwritten feedback, please turn in a hard-copy of your Response Paper in addition to submitting it to D2L.

**NOTE ON DAS & RPs:** You must write your DAs and RPs on different weeks. Do not turn in a DA and a RP the same week.

**EXAMS (68%):** You will take **3 exams** during the semester. Each exam will consist of multiple choice questions and short essays. 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 essays in paragraph form. The best answers make arguments with specific evidence. More information about the exam will be circulated the week before the exam.

**GRADING SCALE:** A = 100-90; B = 89-80; C = 79-70; D = 69-60, F = 59 and below

<b>GRADES:</b>	Document Analyses $= 10\%$	Exam 1 = 20%
	Response Papers: 10%	Exam 2 = 23%
	Reading quizzes $= 12\%$	Exam 3 = 25%

**OVERALL CLASS STRUCTURE:** Think about this class as consisting of 3 five-week sections. Each section requires you to take two reading quizzes, submit a document analysis,

submit a response paper, and take an exam. (The DA and RP must be submitted on different weeks.)

**ACADEMIC MISCONDUCT POLICY:** "*As an MSU Student, I pledge not to lie, cheat, steal, or help anyone else do so.*" Academic misconduct—cheating, collusion, plagiarism, etc.— will not be tolerated and will receive an F. For example, "cutting and pasting" from any internet source or poorly paraphrasing (i.e. changing a few words with the synonym function) without citing that source is plagiarism. It is unacceptable.

**DROP DATE:** Last Day to drop with a grade of **"W"** is April 23, 2020. It is the student's responsibility to visit with their academic advisor prior to withdrawing from a class.

**ACCOMMODATIONS:** Students should visit the <u>DSS webpage for current students</u>. If you have never applied for accommodations before you may qualify for them under the vulnerable population designation. The application may be <u>downloaded</u> or <u>completed online</u>. Once an accommodations letter is provided students will discuss their specific accommodation needs with their professor(s). If a student is unsure if a condition is covered by the ADA or Section 504, and they desire COVID-19 accommodations, they should complete the <u>Request for COVID</u> <u>Consultation Form</u>.

**COMPUTER REQUIREMENTS:** This class uses D2L. You will find readings, take reading quizzes, submit papers, and livestream class through D2L. It is your responsibility to have (or have access to) a working computer in this class. Computers are available on campus in various areas of the buildings.

### TUTORING & ACADMIC SUPPORT:

TASP offers tutoring assistance. Please contact the TASP, (940) 397-4684, or visit the <u>TASP</u> homepage for more information.

**NOTICE**: Changes in the course syllabus, procedure, assignments, and schedule may be made at the discretion of the instructor. Should we transition to remote learning, for example, the syllabus will likely change. Look on D2L for any relevant announcements.

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Textbook:	www.americanyawp.com/
Primary Source Reader:	www.americanyawp.com/reader.html
Other readings:	Available as links and PDFs on D2L

WEEK 1	Readings:	
	- American Yawp, Ch. 1: "The New World": http://www.americanyawp.com/text/01-the-	
Mon., Jan.	new-world/	
11	- Primary Sources: http://www.americanyawp.com/reader/the-new-world/	
Wed., Jan.	- Other Readings (PDFs on D2L):	
13	• Michael Hattem, "Columbus never set food here. Why do we remember him?"	
Fri., Jan.	Washington Post (June 15, 2020):	
15	https://www.washingtonpost.com/outlook/2020/06/15/columbus-never-set-foot-	
	here-why-do-we-remember-him/	
	• Jeffrey Olster, "Disease has never been just disease for Native Americans," The	
	<i>Atlantic</i> (April 29, 2020):	
	https://www.theatlantic.com/ideas/archive/2020/04/disease-has-never-been-just-	
	disease-native-americans/610852	
	Assignments:	
	- Syllabus quiz due Friday by midnight.	
	- Turn in a DA on one of the primary sources (if you so choose).	
	- Turn in a RP on one of the other readings (if you so choose).	
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WEEK 2	**No class on Monday, January 18**	
Mon., Jan.	Readings:	
<del>18</del>	- American Yawp, Ch. 2: "Colliding Cultures": http://www.americanyawp.com/text/02-	
Wed., Jan.	colliding-cultures/	
20	- Primary Sources: http://www.americanyawp.com/reader/colliding-cultures/	
Fri., Jan.	- Other readings (PDFs on D2L):	
22	• Tyler Parry, "The Curious History of Anthony Johnson: From Captive African	
	to Right-wing Talking Point," <i>Black Perspectives</i> (July 22, 2019):	
	https://www.aaihs.org/the-curious-history-of-anthony-johnson-from-captive-	
	african-to-right-wing-talking-point/	
	annean-io-right-wing-taiking-point/	

	• Michael Guasco, "The Fallacy of 1619: Rethinking the History of Africans in
	Early America," <i>Black Perspectives</i> (September 4, 2017):
	https://www.aaihs.org/the-fallacy-of-1619-rethinking-the-history-of-africans-in-
	early-america/
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	Assignments:
	- Reading quiz due Friday by midnight.
	- Turn in a DA on one of the primary sources (if you so choose).
	- Turn in a RP on one of the other readings (if you so choose).
WEEK 3	Readings:
	- American Yawp, Ch. 3: "British North America":
Mon., Jan.	http://www.americanyawp.com/text/03-british-north-america/
25	- Primary Sources: <u>http://www.americanyawp.com/reader/british-north-america/</u>
Wed., Jan.	- Other readings (PDFs on D2L):
27	• Philip Deloria, "The Invention of Thanksgiving," The New Yorker (November
Fri., Jan.	18, 2019): https://www.newyorker.com/magazine/2019/11/25/the-invention-of-
29	thanksgiving
	• Rachel Winchcombe, "Food and Friendship in Early Virginia," <i>The Junto: A</i>
	Group Blog on Early American History (June 20, 2019):
	https://earlyamericanists.com/2019/06/20/food-and-friendship-in-early-virginia/
	https://earryamericanists.com/2019/06/20/100d-and-mendsinp-m-earry-virginia/
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	- Turn in a DA on one of the primary sources (if you so choose).
	- Turn in a RP on one of the other readings (if you so choose).
WEEK 4	Readings:
	- American Yawp, Ch. 4: "Colonial Society" http://www.americanyawp.com/text/04-
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<b>W</b> 7 1 <b>F</b> 1	- Primary Sources: http://www.americanyawp.com/reader/colonial-society/
Wed., Feb.	- Other readings (PDFs on D2L):
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WEEK 5	Readings:
	- American Yawp, Ch. 5: "The American Revolution"
Mon., Feb.	http://www.americanyawp.com/text/05-the-american-revolution/
8	- Primary Sources: http://www.americanyawp.com/reader/the-american-revolution/
Wed., Feb.	- Other readings:
10	• Erica Armstrong Dunbar, "George Washington, Slave Catcher," New York
Fri., Feb.	<i>Times</i> (February 16, 2015):
12	https://www.nytimes.com/2015/02/16/opinion/george-washington-slave-
	catcher.html
	<ul> <li>Annette Gordon Reed, "Thomas Jefferson's Vision of Equality Was Not All-</li> </ul>
	Inclusive. But It Was Transformative," <i>Time</i> (February 20, 2020):
	https://time.com/5783989/thomas-jefferson-all-men-created-equal/
	<u>mups.//mic.com/5/05/05/montus jerrerson un men created equal-</u>
	Assignments:
	- Exam posted on Wednesday afternoon, due Sunday by 11:59 pm.
	<ul> <li>Last week to turn in your first DA (if you haven't already).</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Last week to turn in your first RP (if you haven't already).</li> </ul>
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WEEK 6	Readings:
	- American Yawp, Ch. 6: "A New Nation" http://www.americanyawp.com/text/06-a-
Mon., Feb.	new-nation/
15	- <i>Primary Sources:</i> http://www.americanyawp.com/reader/a-new-nation/
Wed., Feb.	- Other Readings:
17	• Sean Wilentz, "Constitutionally, Slavery is no national institution," <i>New York</i>
Fri., Feb.	<i>Times</i> (September, 16, 2015):
19	https://www.nytimes.com/2015/09/16/opinion/constitutionally-slavery-is-no-
	national-institution.html
	• David Waldstreicher, "How the Constitution was Indeed Pro-Slavery," <i>The</i>
	Atlantic (September 19, 2015):
	https://www.theatlantic.com/politics/archive/2015/09/how-the-constitution-was-
	indeed-pro-slavery/406288/
	Assignments:
	- Turn in a DA on one of the primary sources (if you so choose).
	- Turn in a RP on one of the other readings (if you so choose).
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WEEK 7	Readings:
	- American Yawp, Ch. 7: "The Early Republic" http://www.americanyawp.com/text/07-
Mon., Feb.	the-early-republic/
22	- Primary Sources: http://www.americanyawp.com/reader/the-early-republic/
Wed., Feb.	- Other readings:
24	• Rosemarie Zagarri, "On Voter Fraud and the Petticoat Electors," CommonPlace
Fri., Feb.	(Oct. 2008): http://commonplace.online/article/voter-fraud-petticoat-electors-
26	new-jersey/

	<ul> <li>Jordan Taylor, "The Founding Fathers knew first-hand that foreign interference in U.S. elections was dangerous," <i>The Washington Post</i> (October 7, 2019): <u>https://www.washingtonpost.com/outlook/2019/10/07/founders-knew-first-hand-that-foreign-interference-us-elections-was-dangerous/</u></li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Assignments:</li> <li>Reading quiz due Friday by midnight.</li> <li>Turn in a DA on one of the primary sources (if you so choose).</li> <li>Turn in a RP on one of the other readings (if you so choose).</li> </ul>
<b>WEEK 8</b> Mon., Mar. 1 Wed., Mar. 3 Fri., Mar. 5	Readings:         - American Yawp, Ch. 8: "The Market Revolution"         http://www.americanyawp.com/text/08-the-market-revolution/         - Primary Sources: http://www.americanyawp.com/reader/the-market-revolution/         - Other Readings (PDFs in D2L):         o Jeff Forret, "The Notorious 'Yellow House' That Made Washington, D.C. a Slavery Capital," Zocalo Public Square (July 2020):         https://www.zocalopublicsquare.org/2020/07/15/yellow-house-slavery-washington-dc-twelve-years-a-slave-solomon-northup/ideas/essay/?xid=PS_smithsonian
	Assignments: - Turn in a DA on one of the primary sources (if you so choose). - Turn in a RP on one of the other readings (if you so choose).
WEEK 9 Mon., Mar. 8 Wed., Mar. 10 Fri., Mar. 12	<ul> <li>Readings: <ul> <li>American Yawp, Ch. 9: "Democracy in America"</li> <li><u>http://www.americanyawp.com/text/09-democracy-in-america/</u></li> <li>Primary Sources: <u>http://www.americanyawp.com/reader/democracy-in-america/</u></li> <li>Other Readings (PDFs on D2L) <ul> <li>Kenneth Owen,"The Forgotten Origins of Politics in Sports," Slate (January 2, 2018): <u>https://slate.com/news-and-politics/2018/01/americans-have-mixed-sports-and-politics-for-longer-than-you-think.html</u></li> </ul> </li> </ul></li></ul>
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WEEK 10 Mon., Mar. 15	Readings:         - American Yawp, Ch. 10: "Religion and Reform" <u>http://www.americanyawp.com/text/10-religion-and-reform/</u> - Primary Sources: <u>http://www.americanyawp.com/reader/religion-and-reform/</u>

Wed., Mar. 17 Fri., Mar. 19	<ul> <li>Other Readings (PDFs on D2L):         <ul> <li>Johann N. Neem, "The Founding Fathers made our schools public. We should keep them that way," <i>The Washington Post</i> (August 20, 2017):</li></ul></li></ul>
WEEK 11 Mon., Mar. 22 Wed., Mar. 24 Fri., Mar. 26	Readings:         - American Yawp, Ch. 11: "The Cotton Revolution"         http://www.americanyawp.com/text/11-the-cotton-revolution/         - Primary Sources: http://www.americanyawp.com/reader/the-cotton-revolution/         - Other Readings (PDFs on D2L):         • Stephanie Richmond, "Demanding to Be Hear: African American Women's Voices from Slave Narratives to #MeToo," Nursing Clio (June, 12, 2018): https://nursingclio.org/2018/06/12/african-american-womens-voices-from-slave-narratives-to-metoo/         • Sven Beckert, "Empire of Cotton," The Atlantic (December 12, 2014): https://www.theatlantic.com/business/archive/2014/12/empire-of-cotton/383660/         Assignments:         • Turn in your third DA on one of the primary sources (if you so choose).         • Turn in your third RP on one of the other readings (if you so choose).
WEEK 12	**No class on Friday, April 2**
Mon., Mar. 29 Wed., Mar. 31 <del>Fri., Apr. 2</del>	<ul> <li>Readings:</li> <li>American Yawp, Ch. 12: "Manifest Destiny" <u>http://www.americanyawp.com/text/12-manifest-destiny/</u></li> <li>Primary Sources: <u>http://www.americanyawp.com/reader/manifest-destiny/</u></li> <li>Other Readings (PDFs on D2L): Claudio Saunt, "The People Who Profited Off the Trail of Tears" <i>The Atlantic</i> (May 2020): <u>https://www.theatlantic.com/magazine/archive/2020/05/claudio-sant-unworthy-republic-trail-of-tears/609097/</u></li> <li>Rebecca Onion, "Andrew Jackson's Adopted Indian Son," <i>Slate</i> (April 29, 2016): <u>https://slate.com/news-and-politics/2016/04/andrew-jacksons-adopted-son-lyncoya-why-did-jackson-bring-home-a-creek-indian.html</u></li> </ul>

	Assignments:
	- Reading quiz due Friday by midnight.
	- Turn in your third DA on one of the primary sources (if you so choose).
	- Turn in your third RP on one of the other readings (if you so choose).
WEEK 13	Readings:
	- American Yawp, Ch. 13: "The Sectional Crisis" <u>http://www.americanyawp.com/text/13-</u>
Mon., Apr.	the-sectional-crisis/
5	<ul> <li>Primary Sources: <u>http://www.americanyawp.com/reader/the-sectional-crisis/</u></li> </ul>
Wed., Apr.	
7	- Other Readings (PDFs on D2L):
-	• Joanne B. Freeman, "Violence against members of Congress has a long, and
Fri., Apr. 9	ominous, history," <i>Washington Post</i> (June 15, 2017):
	https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/posteverything/wp/2017/06/15/violence-
	against-members-of-congress-isnt-new/
	• Carole Emberton, "Remembering the sins of Millard Fillmore," <i>Washington</i>
	Post (January 5, 2018): https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/made-by-
	history/wp/2018/01/05/remembering-the-sins-of-millard-fillmore/
	Assignments:
	- Turn in your third DA on one of the primary sources (if you so choose).
	- Turn in your third RP on one of the other readings (if you so choose).
<b>WEEK 14</b>	Readings:
	- American Yawp, Ch. 14: "The Civil War" http://www.americanyawp.com/text/14-the-
Mon., Apr.	civil-war/
12	- Primary Sources: <u>http://www.americanyawp.com/reader/the-civil-war/</u>
Wed., Apr.	- Other Readings (PDFs on D2L):
14	• Stephanie McCurry, "The Confederacy was an antidemocratic, centralized
Fri., Apr.	state," The Atlantic (June 21, 2020):
16	https://www.theatlantic.com/ideas/archive/2020/06/confederacy-wasnt-what-
	you-think/613309/
	• Manisha Sinha, "Architects of Their Own Liberation: African Americans,
	Emancipation, and the Civil War," <i>OAH Magazine of History</i> 27:2 (April 2013):
	5-10 (PDF on D2L)
	<ul> <li>W. Caleb McDaniel, "In 1870, Henriette Wood Sued for Reparations—and</li> </ul>
	Won," Smithsonian Magazine (Sept. 2019):
	https://www.smithsonianmag.com/history/henrietta-wood-sued-reparations-
	<u>won-180972845/</u>
	Assignments:
	- Reading quiz due Tuesday by midnight.
	- Last week to turn in your third DA for extra credit on your exam.
	- Last week to turn in your third RP for extra credit on your exam

<b>WEEK 15</b>	Readings:
	- Catch up on your reading for this class.
Mon., Apr.	- Prep for your final exam.
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Wed., Apr.	Assignments:
21	- Exam posted on Wednesday afternoon, due during Finals Week.
Fri., Apr.	- Last week to turn in your final DA (if you haven't already).
23	- Last week to turn in your final RP (if you haven't already).
FINALS	10:30-12:30 on Wed. April 28 (MWF 10)
WEEK	10:30-12:30 on Mon. April 26 (MWF 11)