



Course Syllabus: Survey of U.S. History up to 1865
College of Liberal Arts
HIST 1133 Section X30 and X31
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Course Description

General survey of American History from its European origins to 1865. Required of all baccalaureate students.

Textbook & Instructional Materials

- Joseph Locke and Ben Wright, et al. *American Yawp*. Access the book by going to the website: <http://www.americanyawp.com/index.html> and then following the instructions to download or access the text.
- One-subject notebook specifically for this class

Student Handbook

Refer to: [Student Handbook](#)

Academic Misconduct Policy & Procedures

- Academic Dishonesty: Cheating, collusion, and plagiarism (the act of using source material of other persons, either published or unpublished, without following the accepted techniques of crediting, or the submission for credit of work, not the individual to whom credit is given). Additional guidelines on procedures in these matters may be found in the Office of Student Conduct.
- For the purpose of this class using AI like Chatgpt will count as plagiarism. You will have a chance to revise and resubmit your paper or get a zero

[Office of Student Conduct](#)

Moffett Library

Moffett Library provides resources and services to support student's studies and assignments, including books, peer-reviewed journals, databases, and

multimedia materials accessible both on campus and remotely. The library offers media equipment checkout, reservable study rooms, and research assistance from librarians to help students effectively find, evaluate, and use information. Get started on this [Moffett Library webpage](#) to explore these resources and learn how to best utilize the library.

Grading/Assessment

Assessment: Your final grade is out of 1000 potential points that can be earned from three potential sources

- Discussion Questions (500 points)
 - There will be bi-weekly (twice a week) discussion questions to answer about the lecture videos and/or the reading (50 points each)
- The Assignment (500 points)
 - It may be Unpopular but... (100 points)
 - Wikipedia Article (150 points)
 - Critique of Historic Figure (100 points)
 - Defense of Historic Figure (100 points)

Table 1: Points allocated to each assignment

Assignments	Points
Discussion	500
My Unpopular Opinion	100
Wikipedia Article	150
Critique of a Historic Figure	100
Defense of a Historic Figure	100
Total Points	1000

Table 2: Total points for final grade.

Grade	Points
A	900
B	800 to 899
C	700 to 799
D	600 to 699
F	Less than 600

Homework

Homework for this class is mostly limited to readings from the assigned textbook and should be completed on the day listed.

Projects Required

There is one project for this course that is split into three separate essays where I ask you to analyze a historical figure of your choice and both their positive and

negative effects on history. I will hand out information about each essay when we get closer to the due date.

Late Work

Late work will not be accepted unless student arranges an extension before the due date, or extenuating circumstances keep the student from asking for an extension.

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.

Online Computer Requirements

Taking an online class requires you to have access to a computer (with Internet access) to complete and upload your assignments. It is your responsibility to have (or have access to) a working computer in this class. ****Assignments and tests are due by the due date, and personal computer technical difficulties will not be considered reason for the instructor to allow students extra time to submit assignments, tests, or discussion postings.*** Computers are available on campus in various areas of the buildings as well as the Academic Success Center. ****Your computer being down is not an excuse for missing a deadline!!*** There are many places to access your class! Our online classes can be accessed from any computer in the world that is connected to the internet. Contact your instructor immediately upon having computer trouble. If you have technical difficulties in the course, there is also a student helpdesk 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](#).

Change of Schedule

A student dropping a course (but not withdrawing from the University) within the first 12 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.

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) exists in determining the amount of the refund. (Examples of each refund calculation will be made available upon request).

Services for Students with Disabilities

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 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 [Disability Support Services](#).

Grade Appeal Process

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

Notice

Changes in the course syllabus, procedure, assignments, and schedule may be made at the discretion of the instructor.

Course Schedule:

Be mindful of the calendar for this Course in D2L as it will be the most accurate and up to date for assignments, discussion boards, and general due dates. The table below is the rough dates for each section along with the due dates for the major assignments.

Course Schedule

Module	Theme	Assignment Due
Lesson 1 6/2 to 6/7	The Colonial World	My Unpopular Opinion due June 6
Lesson 2 6/9 to 6/14	The North American Colonies	Historic Figure Selection due June 12
Lesson 3 6/16 to 6/21	Independence and a New Nation	Wikipedia Like Article Due June 19
Lesson 4 6/23 to 6/28	Establishing Precedents	Critique of a Historic Figure due June 27
Lesson 5 6/30 to 7/5	Pulling itself a part	Defense of a Historic Figure due Jul 2