

American History to 1865

HIST 1133 • Spring 2022

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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 which led to the secession of eleven states. It took a deadly civil war to restore the Union, destroy slavery, and emancipate four million individuals. Throughout the semester, we will contemplate what it meant to be free—or unfree—at various moments in American 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

REQUIRED READINGS:

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

- This textbook is available for free online at <http://www.americanyawp.com>. 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 [Amazon](#) (currently listed for \$16.17). There is also a PDF available online for e-Readers.

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.” Simply scroll to the end of the chapter. (Note: If you purchase the hard copy of the textbook, you will need to go to the above website to access the sources.)

COURSE EXPECTATIONS:

ATTENDANCE AND CLASS MEETINGS IN THE AGE OF COVID: You are expected to regularly attend class. Your success depends upon your engagement with the course materials and class discussions. But, please do not come to class if you need to quarantine according to the University guidelines (<https://msutexas.edu/coronavirus/index.php>). In addition to using the [Reporting Form for Students](#), please contact me. We'll work together to make a plan that fits your needs.

READING ASSIGNMENTS: You are expected to complete all assigned reading, which includes your textbook and primary sources. 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? How does it better help you—and historians—understand what people were thinking and doing in the past?

SYLLABUS QUIZ (2%): You will take a **syllabus quiz** the first week of class. It covers that materials found on the syllabus. You are welcome to consult the syllabus as you take it.

READING QUIZZES (10%): There will be **6 reading quizzes** throughout the semester. 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.

PRIMARY SOURCE ANALYSES (18%): Throughout the semester you will be required to turn in **6 one-to-two page primary source analyses**. You can choose which week you submit a PSA based on your schedule and interests, but you must complete two by each exam. These must be turned in on different weeks. *To earn extra credit, students can turn in both primary source analyses before the week of your exam.* You will receive 1 extra credit point added to the multiple choice portion of your exam. See the schedule below.

- Your first two PSAs must be turned in by Feb. 11 (or both by Feb. 4 for extra credit).
- Your next two PSAs must be turned in by March 25 (or both by Mar. 11 for extra credit).
- Your final two PSAs must be turned in by April 29 (or both by Apr. 22 for extra credit).

Your Primary Source 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.*

EXAMS (70%): 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

GRADES:	Syllabus Quiz = 2%	Exam 1 = 20%
	Primary Source Analyses: 18%	Exam 2 = 23%
	Reading quizzes = 10%	Exam 3 = 27%

CLASS STRUCTURE: Think about this class as consisting of 3 five-week sections. Each section requires you to take two reading quizzes, submit two primary sources analyses, and take an exam.

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 March 21, 2022. It is the student’s responsibility to visit with their academic advisor prior to withdrawing from a class.

ACCOMMODATIONS: Students should visit the [DSS webpage for current students](#). If you have never applied for accommodations before you may qualify for them under the vulnerable population designation. The application may be [downloaded](#) or [completed online](#). Once an accommodations letter is provided students will discuss their specific accommodation needs with their professor(s).

COMPUTER REQUIREMENTS: This class uses D2L. You will find readings, take reading quizzes, and submit papers 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 [TASP homepage](#) for more information.

NOTICE: Changes in the course syllabus, procedure, assignments, and schedule may be made at the discretion of the instructor. Look on D2L for any relevant announcements.

E-mail me (mary.draper@msutexas.edu) or visit me during office hours if you have any questions.

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Primary Source Reader: www.americanyawp.com/reader.html

Note: You should take notes on the lectures and readings throughout the semester. These notes will help you prepare for your exams, reading quizzes, and Primary Source Analyses.

WEEKS 1-5 <i>Jan. 10 thru Feb. 11</i>	From Colonies to States <i>Welcome to the first third of this course! During these five weeks, you must:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Complete a syllabus quiz• Take two reading quizzes• Submit two Primary Source Analyses (PSAs)• Take your first exam
WEEK 1 Jan. 10 Jan. 12 Jan. 14	Readings: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- <i>American Yawp</i>, Ch. 1: “The New World”: http://www.americanyawp.com/text/01-the-new-world/- <i>Primary Sources</i>: http://www.americanyawp.com/reader/the-new-world/ Assignments: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Syllabus quiz due Friday by midnight. Turn in a PSA on one of the primary sources (if you so choose). You must turn in two (on two different weeks) by Feb. 11 (or both by Feb. 4 for extra credit).
WEEK 2 Jan. 17 Jan. 19 Jan. 21	**No class on Monday, January 17** Readings: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- <i>American Yawp</i>, Ch. 2: “Colliding Cultures”: http://www.americanyawp.com/text/02-colliding-cultures/- <i>Primary Sources</i>: http://www.americanyawp.com/reader/colliding-cultures/ Assignments: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Reading quiz due Friday by midnight.

	Turn in a PSA on one of the primary sources (if you so choose). You must turn in two (on two different weeks) by Feb. 11 (or both by Feb. 4 for extra credit).
WEEK 3 Jan. 24 Jan. 26 Jan. 28	<p>Readings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>American Yawp</i>, Ch. 3: “British North America”: http://www.americanyawp.com/text/03-british-north-america/ - <i>Primary Sources</i>: http://www.americanyawp.com/reader/british-north-america/ <p>Assignments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Turn in a PSA on one of the primary sources (if you so choose). You must turn in two (on two different weeks) by Feb. 11 (or both by Feb. 4 for extra credit).
WEEK 4 Jan. 31 Feb. 2 Feb. 4	<p>Readings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>American Yawp</i>, Ch. 4: “Colonial Society” http://www.americanyawp.com/text/04-colonial-society/ - <i>Primary Sources</i>: http://www.americanyawp.com/reader/colonial-society/ <p>Assignments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Reading quiz due Friday by midnight. - Last week to turn in your first PSA if you have not already. You must turn in two (on two different weeks) by next week. (Also, this is the last week to submit your second PSA if you have already turned in your first and would like extra credit on your first exam.)
WEEK 5 Feb. 7 Feb. 9 Feb. 11	<p>Readings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>American Yawp</i>, Ch. 5: “The American Revolution” http://www.americanyawp.com/text/05-the-american-revolution/ - <i>Primary Sources</i>: http://www.americanyawp.com/reader/the-american-revolution/ <p>Assignments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Exam posted on Wednesday afternoon, due Sunday by 11:59 pm. - Last week to turn in your second PSA (if you haven’t already).
WEEKS 6-11 <i>Feb. 14 thru March 25</i>	<p>The New United States</p> <p><i>You are now in the second third of the course. During these five weeks (plus one week of Spring Break), you must:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Take two reading quizzes • Submit two Primary Source Analyses (PSAs) • Take your second exam
WEEK 6	Readings:

Feb. 14 Feb. 16 Feb. 18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>American Yawp</i>, Ch. 6: “A New Nation” http://www.americanyawp.com/text/06-a-new-nation/ - <i>Primary Sources</i>: http://www.americanyawp.com/reader/a-new-nation/ <p>Assignments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Turn in a PSA on one of the primary sources (if you so choose). You must turn in two (on two different weeks) by March 25 (or both by Mar. 11 for extra credit).
WEEK 7 Feb. 21 Feb. 23 Feb. 25	<p>Readings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>American Yawp</i>, Ch. 7: “The Early Republic” http://www.americanyawp.com/text/07-the-early-republic/ - <i>Primary Sources</i>: http://www.americanyawp.com/reader/the-early-republic/ <p>Assignments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Reading quiz due Friday by midnight. - Turn in a PSA on one of the primary sources (if you so choose). You must turn in two (on two different weeks) by March 25 (or both by Mar. 11 for extra credit).
WEEK 8 Feb. 28 Mar. 2 Mar. 4	<p>Readings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>American Yawp</i>, Ch. 8: “The Market Revolution” http://www.americanyawp.com/text/08-the-market-revolution/ - <i>Primary Sources</i>: http://www.americanyawp.com/reader/the-market-revolution/ <p>Assignments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Turn in a PSA on one of the primary sources (if you so choose). You must turn in two (on two different weeks) by March 25 (or both by Mar. 11 for extra credit).
WEEK 9 Mar. 7 Mar. 9 Mar. 11	<p>Readings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>American Yawp</i>, Ch. 9: “Democracy in America” http://www.americanyawp.com/text/09-democracy-in-america/ - <i>Primary Sources</i>: http://www.americanyawp.com/reader/democracy-in-america/ <p>Assignments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Reading quiz due Friday by midnight. <p>Last week to turn in your third PSA if you have not already. You must turn in two (on two different weeks) by next week. (Also, this is the last week to submit your second PSA if you have already turned in your first and would like extra credit on your first exam.)</p>
Week 10 No class	Enjoy Spring Break!

<p>WEEK 11</p> <p>Mar. 21 Mar. 23 Mar. 25</p>	<p>Readings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>American Yawp</i>, Ch. 10: “Religion and Reform” http://www.americanyawp.com/text/10-religion-and-reform/ - <i>Primary Sources</i>: http://www.americanyawp.com/reader/religion-and-reform/ <p>Assignments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Exam posted on Wednesday afternoon, due Sunday by 11:59 pm. - Last week to turn in your fourth PSA (if you haven’t already).
<p>WEEKS 12-16</p> <p><i>March 28 thru April 29</i></p>	<p>Slavery and the Road to Disunion</p> <p><i>You are now in the last third of the course. During these five weeks, you must:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Take two reading quizzes • Submit two Primary Source Analyses (PSAs) • Take your last exam
<p>WEEK 12</p> <p>Mar. 28 Mar. 30 Apr. 1</p>	<p>Readings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>American Yawp</i>, Ch. 11: “The Cotton Revolution” http://www.americanyawp.com/text/11-the-cotton-revolution/ - <i>Primary Sources</i>: http://www.americanyawp.com/reader/the-cotton-revolution/ <p>Assignments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Turn in a PSA on one of the primary sources (if you so choose). You must turn in two (on two different weeks) by April 29 (or both by Apr. 22 for extra credit).
<p>WEEK 13</p> <p>Apr. 4 Apr. 6 Apr. 8</p>	<p>Readings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>American Yawp</i>, Ch. 12: “Manifest Destiny” http://www.americanyawp.com/text/12-manifest-destiny/ - <i>Primary Sources</i>: http://www.americanyawp.com/reader/manifest-destiny/ <p>Assignments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Reading quiz due Friday by midnight. - Turn in a PSA on one of the primary sources (if you so choose). You must turn in two (on two different weeks) by April 29 (or both by Apr. 22 for extra credit).
<p>WEEK 14</p> <p>Apr. 11 Apr. 13 Apr. 15</p>	<p>**No class on Friday, April 15**</p> <p>Readings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>American Yawp</i>, Ch. 13: “The Sectional Crisis” http://www.americanyawp.com/text/13-the-sectional-crisis/ - <i>Primary Sources</i>: http://www.americanyawp.com/reader/the-sectional-crisis/

	<p>Assignments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Turn in a PSA on one of the primary sources (if you so choose). You must turn in two (on two different weeks) by April 29 (or both by Apr. 22 for extra credit).
<p>WEEK 15</p> <p>Apr. 18 Apr. 20 Apr. 22</p>	<p>Readings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Catch up on your reading for this class. - <i>Primary Sources:</i> http://www.americanyawp.com/reader/the-civil-war/ <p>Assignments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Reading quiz due Friday by midnight. - Last week to turn in your fifth PSA if you have not already. You must turn in two (on two different weeks) by next week. (Also, this is the last week to submit your second PSA if you have already turned in your first and would like extra credit on your first exam.)
<p>WEEK 16</p> <p>Apr. 25 Apr. 27 Apr. 29</p>	<p>Readings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>American Yawp</i>, Ch. 14: “The Civil War” http://www.americanyawp.com/text/14-the-civil-war/ - Prep for your final exam. <p>Assignments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Last week to turn in your final PSA (if you haven’t already).
<p>FINALS WEEK</p>	<p>Final Exam:</p> <p>10 am class: Wednesday, May 4 from 10:30am-12:30pm 11 am class: Monday, May 2 from 10:30am-12:30pm 12 pm class: Wednesday, May 4 from 3:30pm to 5:30pm</p>