

HIS 103: United States History to 1865

Course credits: 3

Semester:

Prerequisites: none

Course Description

A survey of significant political, economic, social, and intellectual themes in the development of the United States from Colonial times until 1865.

Course Goals

- 1. Locate economic, political, & cultural trends in US history
- 2. Connect the ideas of American Revolution to persistent trends & developments in US history
- 3. Use primary sources and images to explain structural relationships along race, class, and gendered lines
- 4. Engage in critical discussion of images and texts

Required Texts

Locke, Joseph L., and Ben Wright, eds. *The American Yawp, vol. 1: A Massively Collaborative Open US History Textbook.* San Francisco, CA: Stanford University Press, 2019. (free online; print versions available too). https://www.americanyawp.com/

Evaluation Methods & Student Assignments

There are two examinations in this course. Each of these will involve image and / or document analysis and will test your understanding of the course material and objectives. The final course grade will be calculated as follows:



- Participation 10%
- Mid-term Exam 1 20%
- Mid-term Exam 2 30%
- Final Exam 40%

Weekly Schedule

Note: this sample weekly schedule has been designed to allow the instructor to choose specific pathways within each week's content to dive deeper into the primary source material available. These are in addition to the primary source materials offered in The American Yawp Reader. Instructors should feel free to selectively assign additional primary sources from single pathways or across pathways as best suits the needs of the course.

Wk	Chapter / Topic	Path 1 (AA)	Path 2 (MK)	Path 3 (JB)	Path 4 (if applicable)	Project ideas
1	AY, 1, Indigenous America	Native American Creation Stories Salinan & Cherokee Creation Stories Nanticoke and Lenape Creation Stories Iroquois Creation	Positive/ Negative Effects of Columbian Exchange Letter from Christopher Columbus Describing First Voyage (1493) Illustration of	The Black Legend Las Casas, additional excerpts (1552) Full text, Las Casas, Destruction of the Indies Frontispiece from	European - Native American Encounters Galle, Amerigo Vespucci awakens a sleeping America (c.1690) John White's watercolors of Secoton (1585)	



		Story	Christopher Columbus & Native American Initial Meeting 1492: An Ongoing Voyage (The Hammock) The History of Smallpox pp. 105- 106 (1815)	Las Casas, Tears of the Indians (1656 Eng. ed.) Interview w/ Joan Bristol (historian), Inquisition (witchcraft) case of a mulatta girl in New Spain, 1659	Theodore de Bry's engraving, Attack at Jamestown (1622)	
2	AY 2, Colliding Cultures / Jamestown	Early Life in VA and New England John Smith on "The Starving Time" John Smith's account of a conversation with Powhatan John Winthrop, "City Upon A Hill" Benjamin	Colonial Women Experiences "A Severe and Proud Dame She Was": Mary Rowlandson Lives Among the Indians, 1675 "Such Was the Tumultation These Women Made": The Women of Marblehead	Salem / Witchcraft Salem trials documentary archive at U-VA (trial records, docs, confessions, maps, etc.)		Mock witch trial Comparison of primary documents to popular culture memories of colonial Virginia and New England



		Wadsworth, A Well-Ordered Family	Wreak Revenge Upon Indian Captors, 1677		
		Anne Bradstreet poems Anne Bradstreet, epitaphs Anne Bradstreet, "Before the Birth of One of Her	"We Unfortunate English People Suffer Here": An English Servant (Elizabeth Sprigs)Writes Home (1756) Trial of Anne Hutchinson (full		
		Children" Original Seal of MA Bay Colony (wikimedia commons)	More on Hutchinson's trial (editorial w/ excerpts)		
3	AY 3, British North America	Unfree Labor in the Colonies General Court Responds to Runaway Servants and Slaves (1640)	Journey to the New World Francis Daniel Pastorius Describes his Ocean Voyage	War & Revolts Metacom's Complaint, 1675 Bacon's Declaration of	



		The Interesting Narrative of the Life of Olaudah Equiano (1789, can be excerpted) Gottlieb Mittelberger (1750) Slavery Images / Exhibit on African Diaspora Slave Voyages /Trans-Atlantic Slave Trade Database (Rice University)	(1684) Illustration of the stowage of a British Slave Ship (1788) Olaudah Equiano (1789) Audio clips of transcripts describing various voyages across Atlantic (1680 - 1806)	Grievances (1676) More on Bacon's Rebellion (encyl. VA)	
4	AY 4, Colonial Society	Quakers, Anti-Slavery, and Colonial Life Germantown Friends' protest against slavery (1688)	Seven Years' War/ French and Indian War George Washington's Narrative of his Expedition to the Ohio (1754)	Consumerism Kuhn, Portrait of Henry Darnall, III (1710) Copley, Portrait of Nicholas Boylston (1767)	



		John Woolman's Journal (1774, can excerpted) John Woolman, Some Considerations on Keeping Negroes (1762)	Map of the Western Parts of the colony of Virginia Extracts from Gibson Clough's War Journal (1759) Letter from Ben Franklin to Lord Kames (1760) Alibamo Mingo, Choctaw leader, Reflects on the British and French (1765)	Copley, Portrait of Mrs. John Winthrop (1773) Trade bill for Elizabeth Murray's shop in Boston, c.1750 (MHS) SI exhibit on consumption 18th c. Advertisement for consumer goods, NH Gazette 1771		
5	AY 5, Revolution	African Americans & Revolution Anti-slavery petitions written by African Americans	Spying and Espionage during the American Revolution Rachel Revere secret letter to	Women & Gender Copley, Portrait of Anne Fairchild Bowler, 1763 Statue of Mercy	Documents from the Non-Importation Movement (1767) Advertisement for	Loyalist / Patriot debates



	Benjamin Banneker to Thomas Jefferson,	husband Paul Revere (1775)	Otis Warren in Barnstable, MA	locally-produced Queen's Ware, 1771, SC Gazette	
	1791 Phyllis Wheatley,	George Washington Letter to Colonel	SC Women on the occupation	No Stamp Act Teapot, c1766 (SI)	
	poems Phillis Wheatley,	Dayton (1777) Culper Spy Ring	"Remember the Ladies," Abigail Adams to her	Deep Dive on the Stamp Act (Col.	
	His Excellency General Washington	Code (1778) Washington	husband, 1776	Wmsbg)	
		Letter to Major Benjamin Tallmadge (1779)			
		John Andre letter to Benedict Arnold (through Joseph Standbury) (1779)			
		Marquis de Lafayette's Testimonial to James Armistead Lafayette (1784)			



			Podcast on Washington's Spies			
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EXAM #1 / POSSIBLE ESSAY QUESTIONS

- 1. How did the social position of African Americans change in the colonies, from the time of first-contact through the Revolution?
- 2. How did Europeans' early impressions of Native Americans impact later interactions between the two groups?
- 3. Analyze the cultural and economic responses of the following groups to the Native Americans of North America before 1750: British, French, Spanish, Dutch, and Portuguese.
- 4. List and compare the positive and negative effects of the Columbian Exchange in North America.
- 5. What were the distinguishing qualities of life in colonial British North America? How do they help us better understand the American Revolution?
- 6. In what ways did the aftermath of the French and Indian War (1754 1763) alter the political, economic, and ideological relations between Britain and its American colonies?
- 7. What were the key sources of conflict in colonial British North America? How did they shape the character of the colonists and their revolution against the British?
- 8. Leading up to the American Revolution, compare and contrast Loyalist versus Patriot arguments.

6	AY 6, New Nation	Gender & Identity in the New Nation		Neoclassicism and symbols	Federalist / Anti-federalist debates
		<u>Charlotte Temple,</u> <u>by Susanna</u> <u>Haswell Rowson</u>	A Confederation of Native peoples seek peace with	Competition for the design of the US Capitol bldg (1792)-LOC exhibit	



		Judith Sargeant Murray, On Equality of the Sexes (1790)	the United States (1786) Hostile Intentions of Native Americans (as reported by the U.S. Government) (1786) Treaty with the Six Nations (1789) Letter from President George Washington to the Senate (1790) Treaty with the Six Nations (1794)	More on the Capitol (Arch. of the Cap. office) Original Great Seal design (1783) History of the Great Seal of the US (GPO) Stuart, Portrait of G. Washington (1796), from NPG		
7	AY 7, Early Republic	Literature, American Identity, and the Early Republic Nathaniel	The War of 1812 Letter from James Madison (Sec. of State) to James Monroe regarding	Political Critiques Political cartoons related to T.J. (c.1800-1809)	Jefferson on Race & the West LOC exhibit on T. Jefferson's presidency	



		Hawthorne, "Young Goodman Brown" (1835) and other stories Francis Scott Key, "The Defense of Fort McHenry," 1814	British Impressment (1804) Letter from an Impressed Soldier; specifically pages 7-9 (1808) Congress Debates Going to War (1811) Capture of the city of Washington (1814)	Akin, "Philosophic Cock" (c.1802) Virginian Luxuries (c.1825)	Jefferson's Notes on VA full text Encyclopedia VA entry on T. J's Notes on VA (1785)	
8	AY 8, Market Revolution	Lowell Mill Girls Mary Paul letters, 1845-1846 Anonymous letters 1845 letters Refuting attacks	Early Republic Economic Developments & the Transportation Revolution Margaret Dwight's Journal; A Journey to Ohio	Rise of the Middle Class Currier, "Fruits of Temperance" (1848) Spencer, "Conversation Piece" (1851-2)	Literature and the Individual in a Changing Society Herman Melville, "Bartleby the Scrivener	Role-play exercise: conversations between the Lowell mill girls, their parents, social reformers, and their



		against the mill girls (1840) "A Second Peep at Factory Life," Lowell Offering "A Week in the Mill" (Lowell Offering)	pp. 13; 37 (1810) James Madison asks Congress for Internal Improvements (1815) Harriet Noble's account of westward travel (1824) Traveler describes Life along the Erie Canal (1829) Traveller's Map of New England and Canada (1850)	Beecher, Duty of American Females (1837) Daniel Webster's Autobiography, 1857 Images of women in 19thc America (exhibit from AAS) Spencer, Domestic Happiness (1849), Detroit Inst. of Art	employers
9	AY 9, Democracy in America	Andrew Jackson: In His Own Words First Inaugural (1829)	Sectional Tensions and the Missouri Crisis Tallmadge Amendment	Racial Conflict Exhibit, EW Clay's Life in Philadelphia series (c.1828) Print, T. D. Rice as	



	Andrew Jackson's	<u>(1819)</u>	Jim Crow	
	State of the Union Address, 1830	Response to	More on History of	
	On Nullification	Tallmadge by GA Rep Thomas W.	Minstrelsy	
	<u>Crisis, 1832</u>	Cobb (1819)	Jim Crow Museum at Ferris State	
	Bank Veto, 1832	The Missouri Compromise Map	Univ.	
	Farewell Address,	(1820)	Black	
	<u>1837</u>	Transcript of the	Entrepreneurs, documents	
		Missouri Compromise	Black Abolitionist	
		(1820)	archive (UDM)	
		Letter from John		
		Henry Eaton to Andrew Jackson;		
		response to Missouri		
		Compromise in last paragraph		
		(1820)		
		<u>Letter from</u>		
		Thomas Jefferson to John Holmes		



			(1820)		
10	AY 10, Religion & Reform	Slavery and Anti-Slavery Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass (1845)	The Benevolent Empire Radical Revivalist Charles G. Finney Emphasizes Human Choice (1836) Nathaniel Currier, The Drunkard's Progress (1846) Currier's The Fruit of Alcohol and Temperance (1849) Eastern State Penitentiary (1855)	Women's Rights Seneca Falls, Declaration of Sentiments (1848) Anti-women's rights cartoon, Harper's New Monthly Magazine, vol. 3 (1851), p436 Johnston, "Women's Rights at the Polls," (1849) More on anti- suffrage images c.1850	Trace the levels of African American freedom/lack of freedom across Douglass' autobiograph y

EXAM #2 / POSSIBLE ESSAY QUESTIONS

- 1. How did the social position of women evolve from the time of the Revolution to 1850?
- 2. How did the concept of liberty both expand and contract between 1789 and 1850?
- 3. How do race, class, and gender help to elucidate the accomplishments and limits of the American pursuit of



- liberty in the post-Revolutionary era?
- 4. What conflicts dominated the early years of the new nation? How did they shape the developing nation?
- 5. Between 1815 1861, reform societies dominated a powerful force within American culture known as the benevolent culture. What reform movements focused on creating and maintaining a respectable middle-class culture during this time period?
- 6. Why did the United States engage in a nearly disastrous war against the British from 1812 1814? What if anything, did the United States gain from that war?
- 7. Analyze the impact of transportation improvements during the market revolution. What was the impact of those changes on the country economically, politically, and socially?
- 8. How did western expansion contribute to growing sectional tensions between the North and the South leading up to the Missouri Compromise?

11	AY 11, Cotton Revolution	Slaves' Resistance in Memory	Runaway Slave Advertisements	Anti-Abolition & Pro-Slavery Arguments	Discussion of the limits of primary
			Fugitive Slave Act		documents,
		Slaves' Resistance on Southern	(1793)	Excerpt from Christy, Cotton is	and the ways in which
		Plantations,	Freedom on the	King (1855)	historians can
		Selections from	Move		and cannot
		the WPA Slave		Catharine Beecher	use them
		<u>Narratives</u>	Runaway!	disagrees with	effectively.
			Fugitive Slave	<u>Abolitionists</u>	(via
			Ads in	<u>(1837)</u>	"Resistance
			<u>Newspapers</u>		in Memory"
				EW Clay, "The	documents)
				Dinner Party" (1839)	



				EW Clay, "Practical Amalgamation" (1839) More on Clay's Practical Amalgamation series		
12	AY 12, Manifest Destiny / Westward Expansion	Images of the Gold Rush Art of the Gold Rush Daniel Jenks, drawings Library of Congress collection	Nativism in the 1800s Video of immigrants landing in Ellis Island "American Citizens! We Appeal to You" Ad (1852) Letter from vigilante committee to John Stephens	Andrew Jackson's State of the Union Address, 1830 Cherokee Nation v. Georgia, 1831 Additional resources on Indian Removal Appeal of the Cherokee Nation, 1830 (published in Cherokee	Images of Westward Expansion Albert Bierstadt, Oregon Trail (1869), from Butler Inst. of American Art Emanuel Leutze, Westward the Course of Empire Takes its Way, from the Capitol Building (1862)	



			(1856) Anti-Immigrant Cartoon (1860)	Phoenix)	Charles Wimar, Attack on Emigrant Train (1856), UMich Museum of Art	
13	AY 13, Sectional Crisis	Popular Culture and the War Harriet Jacobs, Incidents in the Life of a Slave Girl Uncle Tom's Cabin in American Culture	Fugitive Slave Act of 1850 Fugitive Slave Act (1850) Lithograph of Effects of Fugitive Slave Law (1850) Poster protesting Fugitive Slave Law (1852) An excerpt from "The Fugitive Slave Law and its Victims" (1861)	Lincoln & Republican Party Mauer, "Great Republican Reform Party" (1856) Lincoln-Douglas Debates, 1858 Resources / Exhibit on Lincoln in IL Collected Works of Lincoln	Dred Scott Case Collection	
14	AY 14, Civil War	Walt Whitman and the American Civil War	Women and the Homefront	Contraband "Contrabands in	NYC Draft Riots, 1863	



Other stuff: Gettysburg Address, Nov 1863 Abraham Lincoln, Second Inaugural Address (1864)	Walt Whitman, Memoranda During the War Walt Whitman, "When Lilacs Last in the Dooryard Bloom'd"	Image "Our Women and the War" (1862) Letter from Dr. James L. Dunn giving Clara Barton her nickname "Angel of the Battlefield" (1862) Clara Barton's notes on Antietam (1862) A Woman's Wartime Journal	Foreground" Stereograph, 1861-1865 (LOC) Gen. Butler on Self-Emancipated Slaves, 1861 Forbes, "Contrabands Escaping" (1864) "Group of Contrabands," (1862) Exhibit on Contrabands, AAS	NYC Draft Poster, 1863 NYC Draft Riots, "Coloured Orphan Asylum", NYPL Picture Collection "Burning the Coloured Orphans Asylum," from Harper's Pictorial History of the Civil War, 1866 NYC Draft Riots, from Illustrated London News
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		in GA; Dolly Lunt	Contraballad, 71710	<u>London 140Wo</u>
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		1865)	Act, 1861	Police," 1863,
				Harper's Pictorial
		Mary Brooke		<u>History</u>
		Briggs Brooke		
		Diary (Pro-Union)		More on the Draft
		<u>(1864-1865)</u>		Riots (Zinn
				Education Project)



					Voices of the Civil War #18, NYC Draft (video clip) Primary source set at DPLA	
15	AY 15, Reconstructi on	Literature, Reconstruction, and the Meaning of Racial Justice Charles W. Chesnutt, "The Goophered Grapevine" (1887)	Discussion starter video on Black Codes "Slavery by Another Name" videos (Origins of Black Codes) Mississippi Black Code on Vagrancy (1865) South Carolina's Black Codes on Labor (1865)	Philadelphia Centennial Newspaper Articles from LOC NGA Photo collection / Centennial Booklet Ephemera and Guidebooks Coll. from Free Lib Phila. Exhibit from Philadelphia Encyclopedia	The Compromise of 1877 Documents re: Compromise of 1877	



EXAM #3 / POSSIBLE ESSAY QUESTIONS

- 1. How did the Civil War shift the relationship of the government to the people in the US?
- 2. In your opinion, what was more important to the nation in 1876: racial equality, or economic prosperity? Why?
- 3. How does the Compromise of 1877 help us better understand the causes and course of the Civil War?
- 4. What did the Civil War change? What remained unchanged by the conflict?
- 5. Analyze the roles of women during the Civil War. Compare the roles of women during the Civil War to ideas about women in wars during the 20th and 21st centuries.
- 6. Explain how Black Codes compare to the aspects of slavery? What do the Black Codes have in common?
- 7. What are some challenges and dangers that runaway slaves faced? Are there any similarities in the runaway slave ads?
- 8. What factors led to anti-immigrant sentiment in the 19th century?