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Introduction to U.S. History, 1607-1865

This survey will cover social, economic and political issues in American history from the early colonial period to the Civil War.

Among others we will discuss the colonization of North America, race relations among the inhabitants, gender and class problems, the formation of social and political institutions, the emergence of the new nation, early industrialization, Ante-bellum reform, and the Civil War.

Requirements:

- a. This class is heavily based on analysis and discussion of both primary and secondary sources. Students are required to come to all classes well prepared!!! Active participation in class is a requirement not an option.
- b. Grades are based on: 1. Active participation and quizzes (25%)
2. Three exams: each will carry 25% of the grade.

Reading List:

1. Edmund S. Morgan, American Slavery, American Freedom, The Ordeal of Colonial Virginia
2. Crèvecoeur, Letters From an American Farmer
3. Gordon Wood, The American Revolution
4. Robert Remini, Andrew Jackson and his Indian wars
5. Ronald Walters, American Reformers, 1815-1860
6. Garry Wills, Lincoln at Gettysburg, The Words that Remade America
7. Documents (Assigned in class)

Schedule

Week 1, August 27: Introduction to the course

August 29: American Slavery American Freedom Book 1, Chs. 1, 2.

Week 2, September 3: American Slavery American Freedom Book 1, ch.3

Week 3, September 8-12: American Slavery American Freedom Book 1, chs. 4-6; Book 2, chs.7, 10

Week 4, September 15-19: American Slavery, American Freedom, Book 3, chs.11-13; Book 4, chs.15-18.

First exam!!!

Week 5, September.22-26: Letters From an American Farmer, Introduction to Letter 5

Week 6, September 29-October 3: Letters From an American Farmer, Letter 5 to the end

Quiz 1

Week 7, October 6-10: The American Revolution (Preface to chapter 6)

Week 8, October 13-17: The American Revolution, Chapter 6 to the end

Second Exam!!!

Week 9: October. 20-22: Andrew Jackson and his Indian wars, chs. 1-6

Week 10, October 27-31: Andrew Jackson and his Indian wars, chs. 6 to the end

Quiz 2

Week 11, November 3-7: American Reformers, chs. 1-4

Week 12, November 10-14: American reformers, chs. 5-to the end

Week 13, November 17-21: Lincoln at Gettysburg, chs. 1-3

Week 14, November 24-26: Lincoln at Gettysburg, chs 4- to the end

Week 15, December 1-5: The Civil War (NO READING)

Week 16, December 8: Summary of the course

Final Exam, December 10, 7.45-9.45 A.M., in GLC 202E