

UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON  
Department of History  
Semester I, 1986-87

History 101

U.S. History to the Civil War Era

Mr. Sewell

Required Texts:

John Garraty, The American Nation, vol. I. Harper & Row.

James W. Davidson and Mark H. Lytle, After the Fact: The Art of Historical Detection. Knopf.

Robert A. Gross, The Minutemen and Their World. Hill & Wang.

James C. Curtis, Andrew Jackson and the Search for Vindication. Little, Brown.

Stephen B. Oates, Abraham Lincoln: The Man Behind the Myths. New American Library.

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Schedule:

Week of September 1

Readings:

Garraty, American Nation, chaps. I-II  
Davidson and Lytle, Prologue and chap. I

Lectures:

Introduction  
Social Change in Colonial America

Week of September 8

Readings:

Davidson and Lytle, chap. II

Lectures:

Toward Religious Toleration  
Fish and Ships: The Colonial Economy  
Democracy or Deference: Colonial Politics

Week of September 15

Readings:

Garraty, American Nation, chap. III  
Davidson and Lytle, chap. III

Lectures:

Origins of the American Revolution  
Why the British Lost  
A Case for the Losers: The Loyalists

Week of September 22

Readings:

Garraty, American Nation, chap. IV  
Gross, Minutemen.

Lectures:

The Character of the American Revolution  
The Critical Period  
Framing the Constitution

Week of September 29

Readings:

Garraty, American Nation, chap. V

Lectures:

Review  
Jefferson and Hamilton

FIRST HOUR EXAMINATION: October 1

Week of October 6

Readings:

Garraty, American Nation, chaps. VI-VII

Lectures:

Origins of American Political Parties  
Triumph of Republicanism  
Jeffersonians in Power

Week of October 13

Readings:

Garraty, American Nation, chaps. VIII-IX  
Davidson and Lytle, chap. IV

Lectures:

The Second War for Independence  
Nationalism  
Sectionalism

Week of October 20

Readings:

Garraty, American Nation, chaps. X, XII  
Curtis, Jackson, chaps. I-IV

Lectures:

Revolutions in Transportation and Industry  
Era of Good Feelings  
The Jacksonian Persuasion

Week of October 27

Readings:

Curtis, Jackson, chaps. V-IX

Lectures:

A White Man's Democracy  
Intellectual Ferment and Social Reform  
The Bonds of Womanhood

Week of November 3

Readings:

Garraty, American Nation, chap. XIII

Lectures:

Abolitionism  
Review

SECOND HOUR EXAMINATION: November 7

Week of November 10

Readings:

Garraty, American Nation, chap. XI  
Davidson and Lytle, chap. V

Lectures:

The Ruling Race: Slavery and Southern Whites  
The Peculiar Institution  
Manifest Destiny

Week of November 17

Readings:

Garraty, American Nation, chap. XIV  
Davidson and Lytle, chap. VI

Lectures:

Crisis and Compromise: Slavery in National Politics  
Birth of the Republican Party  
Disruption of the Democracy

Week of November 24

Readings:

Garraty, American Nation, chap. XV  
Oates, Lincoln, parts I-II

Lectures:

The Secession Crisis  
The Blue and the Gray

Week of December 1

Readings:

Garraty, American Nation, chap. XVI  
Oates, Lincoln, parts III-IV

Lectures:

The War at Home  
Presidential Reconstruction  
Johnson and the Radicals

Week of December 8

Lectures:

Impeachment of a President  
"Carpetbag Rule": Fact and Fiction  
Review

Office Hours:

Monday and Wednesday, 2:30-3:30 by appointment  
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