

UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON
Department of History
Fall Semester 1988

History 101
Instructor: J. B. Lee

8:50 a.m. (M,W,F)
1641 Humanities Building

COURSE DESCRIPTION: This course is concerned with the transformation of agrarian, localized, colonial societies into a developing industrial nation. Topics to be explored include the diversity of the colonial experience; the emergence of a revolutionary consciousness; the creation of a unique republic; economic growth and continental expansion; the changing roles and status of women; social reform; race relations; the Civil War; and Reconstruction.

TEACHING METHODOLOGY: Three lectures and one discussion section per week. Each student is expected to complete the week's reading assignment before his or her discussion section, and to participate actively and intelligently in the discussion.

REQUIRED READINGS:

Available at the University Bookstore:

Mary Beth Norton, et al., A People and a Nation: A History of the United States (2nd edition, 1986), Volume 1.

Norman K. Risjord, ed., Insights on American History, Volume 1.

Peter H. Wood, Black Majority: Negroes in Colonial South Carolina.

Paul Boyer and Stephen Nissenbaum, Salem Possessed: The Social Origins of Witchcraft.

Paul E. Johnson, A Shopkeeper's Millennium: Society and Revivals in Rochester, New York, 1815-1837.

Don Fehrenbacher, Prelude to Greatness: Lincoln in the 1850s.

Available at Kinkos, 620 University Avenue, as a packet of photocopies:

Alfred Young, "George Robert Twelves Hewes (1742-1840): A Boston Shoemaker and the Memory of the American Revolution."

Barbara Welter, "The Cult of True Womanhood."

NOTE: All required readings have also been placed on reserve at both the Helen B. White (undergraduate) Library and the State Historical Society of Wisconsin. At the White Library, the call number for the Norton textbook is listed under A People and a Nation, rather than the authors' names.

INSTRUCTOR'S OFFICE HOURS:

Mondays, 10-11 a.m.; Wednesdays, 1:30-2:30 p.m., 4122 Humanities Building

The time and place for the teaching assistant's office hours will be announced.

EVALUATION: Your grade will be computed as follows: 20% for each hour exam; 20% for discussion section; 40% for the final exam.

SCHEDULE**Week of September 7:**

Organizational Meeting

Lecture: A World Apart: The Americas Before European Contact

Week of September 12:

Lectures: The Old World: Europe
The Old World: Africa
The Columbian Exchange

Reading: Norton, chap. 1; Risjord, pp. 1-26

Week of September 19:

Lectures: Worlds in Motion: The Portuguese, Spanish, Dutch, and French Empires
Early Modern England
English Expansion: Ireland and the West Indies

Reading: Wood, Black Majority, pp. xiii-166

Week of September 26:

Lectures: The Chesapeake in the Seventeenth Century
Slavery: The Fateful Commitment
Puritanism

Reading: Wood, Black Majority, pp. 167-326

Week of October 3:

Lectures: New England in the Seventeenth Century
The Imperial Connection
American Society in the Eighteenth Century

Reading: Norton, chap. 2; Risjord, pp. 50-71;
Boyer and Nissenbaum, pp. ix-110

Week of October 10:

1st HOUR EXAM: Oct. 10

Lectures: Awakening and Enlightenment
Origins of American Politics

Reading: Norton, chap. 3; Boyer and Nissenbaum, pp. 111-221

Week of October 17:

Lectures: The Coming of the Revolution
The War Years
The Confederation

Reading: Norton, chaps. 4-6; Risjord, pp. 73-93

Week of October 24:

Lectures: Creation of the Republic
The Implications of Liberty
Launching the Experiment in Republicanism

Reading: Norton, chap. 7; Young, "George Robert Twelves Hewes . . ."

Week of October 31:

Lectures: The Empire of Liberty
The War of 1812 and Its Aftermath
The Problem of Slavery in the Young Republic

Reading: Norton, chap. 8; Risjord, pp. 111-139

Week of November 7:

2nd HOUR EXAM: Nov. 7

Lectures: Economic Development in Antebellum America (2 lectures)

Reading: Norton, chaps. 9-10; Risjord, pp. 95-109

Week of November 14:

Lectures: Women's Sphere
Awakening and Reform
The Birth of Mass Politics

Reading: Norton, chap. 12; Welter, "The Cult of True Womanhood";
Risjord, pp. 171-193

Week of November 21:

Lectures: Outsiders: Indians and Blacks
The Slave Community

Reading: Johnson, A Shopkeeper's Millennium (entire book)

Week of November 28:

Lectures: Political Abolitionism
Westward Expansion and the Growth of Sectionalism
Crises of the 1850s (Part I)

Reading: Norton, chaps. 11, 13; Risjord, pp. 195-240

Week of December 5:

Lectures: Crises of the 1850s (Part II)
The House Divided
The Death of Slavery

Reading: Fehrenbacher, Prelude to Greatness (entire book); Norton,
chap. 14; Risjord, pp. 242-253

Week of December 12:

Lectures: Reconstruction: An American Tragedy
Centennial America

Reading: Norton, chap. 15; Risjord, pp. 255-273