

AS/HIST 2600.06A

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UNITED STATES HISTORY

“American history is longer, larger, more various, more beautiful, and more terrible than anything anyone has ever said about it.” – James Baldwin, 1963

This course presents a broad survey of United States history from colonization to the present. It has two main goals: (1) to help you gain a fuller understanding of the historical evolution of American culture and politics; and (2) to improve your skills in the reading, writing and interpretation of history. The texts were chosen with both goals in mind; please make sure you read the assigned chapters carefully and come to tutorial each week prepared to discuss them.

Course Texts: The assigned reading is on reserve at Scott Library and available for purchase at the York University Bookstore. Materials from the course kit are marked on the syllabus with an asterisk.*

Paul Boyer et al, The Enduring Vision, concise 5th edition

William Wheeler & Susan Becker, Discovering the American Past, 6th ed., 2 vol.

Thomas Bell, Out of this Furnace

History 2600 Course Kit

Course requirements: (1) regular attendance at lectures and tutorials; (2) reading of the assigned materials on time; (3) active participation in tutorials (including in-class discussion and writing assignments); (4) successful completion of the online academic integrity quiz; (5) midterm and final exams; and (6) completion of written work on time. Two short papers are due during the first term. A 10-page research essay is due during the second term. Late papers will be penalized, and notes and rough drafts must be turned in with every essay. Unexcused absence from seven (7) tutorials during the year will result in a tutorial mark of 0.

Please turn off your cell phone, and remember that it is disruptive to arrive late or leave early, and to talk, read, write notes, or send text-messages while the instructor or another student is speaking.

The final grade will be determined by: tutorial participation, 20%; first paper (article critique), 10%; second paper (document analysis), 15%; midterm, 15%; second-term research paper, 20%; final exam, 20%.

Tutorials: Regular attendance and active participation in tutorials are crucial to your success in, and enjoyment of, this course. *Unexcused absence from seven (7) tutorials during the year will result in a tutorial mark of 0.*

Meeting Times and Location:

Lectures	Tues-Thurs. 11:30	Vari Hall B		
Tutorial 1	Tues. 12:30	ACW 002	Mark Abraham	jabraham@yorku.ca
Tutorial 2	Tues. 1:30	SC 214	Mark Abraham	jabraham@yorku.ca
Tutorial 3	Thurs. 12:30	FS 106	Eric Payseur	epayseur@yorku.ca
Tutorial 4	Thurs. 1:30	SC 214	Eric Payseur	epayseur@yorku.ca
Tutorial 5	Tues. 12:30	MC 101	Terry Wilde	twilde@yorku.ca
Tutorial 6	Tues. 1:30	MC 101	Terry Wilde	twilde@yorku.ca

Essays and Deadlines: The first paper, due in tutorial the week of October 19, is a 3-5 page review of a scholarly article. The second paper, a 3-5 page analysis of a short primary source, is due in tutorial the week of November 21. A longer research essay (10 pages) is due during the second term. The research question and preliminary bibliography are due in tutorial the week of January 23. The outline and final bibliography are due the week of February 27. The essay itself (along with your notes and rough drafts) is due the week of March 13. You will receive more specific information about the paper assignments in tutorial. Late papers will be penalized, and your notes and rough drafts must be turned in with every essay.

Academic Honesty: All papers must be original, use appropriate methods of citation, and be accompanied by your notes and rough drafts. In addition, all History 2600 students must complete the online Academic Integrity Quiz by the beginning of lecture on October 3. The quiz can be found at: http://www.yorku.ca/tutorial/academic_integrity/.

Violations of the York Senate Policy on Academic Honesty – including cheating during examinations, failing to use quotation marks and citations when using or paraphrasing the printed or electronically-transmitted work of others, submitting work written by someone else or submitted in another course, and aiding or abetting academic misconduct – will be treated severely. Recent penalties have included failure in the course, suspension from the University, and withholding or rescinding a York degree. For further information, see <http://www.yorku.ca/secretariat/legislation/senate/acadhone.htm>.

Schedule of Topics and Assignments**Term 1:**

Th. Sept. 7: Introduction

Tutorial: Getting Acquainted

Tu. Sept. 12: Spectrum of Early Settlement

Th. Sept. 14: New England: A City Upon a Hill?

Tutorial: Read Boyer, chap. 3; Wheeler & Becker, chap. 2
[Recommended reading: Boyer, chaps. 1 & 2]

Tu. Sept. 19: War and Rebellion in 1676

Th. Sept. 21: Life and Labour in the Thirteen Colonies

Tutorial: Boyer, chap. 4; Wheeler & Becker, chap. 3

Tu. Sept. 26: Beginnings of an 'American' Nation

Th. Sept. 28: Roads to Revolution

Tutorial: Boyer, chap. 5; Wheeler & Becker, chap. 4

Tu. Oct. 3: Meanings of American Independence

Th. Oct. 5: War, Revolution, and History

Tutorial: Boyer, chap. 6;

Gary Nash, "The Revolution's Roots in Urban Radicalism and Social Change"*

Edmund Morgan, "Conflict and Consensus in the Revolution and Among Historians"*

Tu. Oct. 10: Constitution

Th. Oct. 12: Creating an 'American' Republic

Tutorial: Boyer, chap. 7; Wheeler & Becker, chap. 5

Tu. Oct. 17: Jefferson's America

Th. Oct 19: Awakening of American Nationalism

Tutorial: Boyer, chap. 8;

"Debating Jefferson," <http://www.pbs.org/jefferson/archives/interviews/frame.htm>

FIRST PAPER DUE!!

Tu. Oct. 24: America's Economic Revolution

Th. Oct. 26: Rise of Class Society

Tutorial: Tutorial: Boyer, chap. 9 & 11; Wheeler & Becker, chap. 7

Tu. Oct. 31: Slavery and the Old South

Th. Nov 2: Slave Resistance and African-American Culture

Tutorial: Boyer, chap. 12; Wheeler & Becker, chap. 8

Tu. Nov. 7: Jacksonian Democracy

Th. Nov. 9: American West

Tutorial: Boyer, chap. 10; Wheeler & Becker, chap. 6

Tu. Nov. 14: Religion and Reform

Th. Nov. 16: Sectional Crisis & the Mexican War

Tutorial: Boyer, chaps. 13 & 14; Wheeler & Becker, chap. 9

Tu. Nov. 21: Causes of the Civil War

Th. Nov. 23: Civil War

Tutorial: Boyer, chap. 15; Wheeler & Becker, chap. 10

SECOND PAPER DUE !

Tu. Nov. 28: A Second American Revolution?

Th. Nov. 30: Reconstruction

Tutorial: Boyer, chap. 16; Wheeler & Becker, chap. 11

MIDTERM EXAM DATE TBA – GOOD LUCK & HAPPY HOLIDAYS !

Term 2:

Th. Jan. 4: “New” South, “Old” West

Tutorial: Boyer, chap. 17 & 18, Wheeler & Becker, vol. 2, chap. 2

Tu. Jan. 9: Gospel of Wealth

Th. Jan. 11: Immigration and City Life

Tutorial: Boyer, chap. 19; Bell, *Out of This Furnace*, parts 1 & 2 (to 208)

Tu. Jan. 16: Populism

Th. Jan. 18: Progressive Era

Tutorial: Boyer, chaps. 20 & 21; Wheeler & Becker, chap. 4

Tu. Jan. 23: American Empire

Th. Jan. 25: World War I

Tutorial: Boyer, chap. 22; Wheeler & Becker, chap. 5
PAPER TOPIC DUE!

Tu. Jan. 30: 1920s

Th. Feb. 1: From Prosperity to Depression

Tutorial: Boyer, chap. 23; Bell, *Out of This Furnace*, finish

Tu. Feb. 6: New Deal

Th. Feb. 8: World War II at Home

Tutorial: Boyer, chaps. 24 & 25; Wheeler & Becker, chap. 7

READING WEEK – NO CLASS

Tu. Feb. 20: World War II & the Bomb

Th. Feb 22: Cold War Abroad

Tutorial: Boyer, chap. 26; Wheeler & Becker, chap. 8

Tu. Feb. 27: Cold War at Home: From Ike to Camelot

Th. Mar. 1: Happy Days in the Postwar Years?

Tutorial: Boyer, chap. 27; Wheeler & Becker, chap. 9
PAPER OUTLINE DUE

Tu. Mar. 6: Great Society

Th. Mar. 8: Second Reconstruction

Tutorial: Boyer, chap. 28;
Anthony Badger, "Different Perspectives on the Civil Rights Movement,"
http://www.historynow.org/06_2006/historian.html
Martin Luther King Jr., "Letter from Birmingham Jail" (1963)*
George Wallace, "The Civil Rights Movement: Fraud, Sham, and Hoax" (1964)*
Stokely Carmichael, "Black Power" (1966)*

Tu. Mar. 13: War in Vietnam

Th. Mar. 15: Wars at Home

Tutorial: Boyer, chap. 29; chap. 10

RESEARCH PAPER DUE!

Tu. Mar. 20: Watergate and American Politics

Th. Mar. 22: Economy and Society in the 1970s and 1980s

Tutorial: Boyer, chap 30; David Greenberg, "Nixon in American Memory"*

Tu. Mar. 27: Reagan Revolution

Th. Mar. 29: United States in the 1990s

Tutorial: Boyer, chap. 31; Wheeler & Becker, chap. 11

Tu. Apr. 3: Presidency of George W. Bush

Tutorial: Boyer, chap. 32; Exam Review