

History 326: The American Revolutionary Era

Spring 2007

11:00-12:15 MW

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This course explores the development of the American nation from the French and Indian War through the ratification of the Constitution of the United States. Students will explore the social, economic, political, religious and military history of this important era. Special attention will be paid to the Revolutionary War itself, and the impact of that war on the daily lives of men and women. The course is topical in organization and assumes a fundamental understanding of the chronology of American history.

Required Readings:

Norton, Mary Beth. *Liberty's Daughters*.

Gross, Robert. *The Minutemen and their World*.

Maier, Pauline. *From Resistance to Revolution*.

Wood, Gordon. *The Radicalism of the American Revolution*.

Ferling, John. *Setting the World Ablaze*.

Bowen, Catherine. *Miracle in Philadelphia*.

Young, Alfred. *The Shoemaker and the Tea Party*.

Discussion Topics and Reading Assignments:

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| 1/17 | America in 1750 | Begin Maier. |
| 1/22 | Whigs, Tories and Revolution | |
| 1/24 | Rights, Wrongs and Resistance | |
| 1/29 | From Resistance to Revolution | Finish Maier. |
| 1/31 | Patriarchy and Politics | Begin Wood. |
| 2/5 | Virtue | |
| 2/7 | No class. | |
| 2/12 | Radicalism and the Revolution | Finish Wood. |
| 2/14 | Conservatives + Revolutionaries=Revolutionaries | |
| 2/19 | Exam #1 | |
| 2/21 | A New England Town | Begin Gross. |
| 2/26 | Creating a Community | |
| 2/28 | Revolution as a Means or an End? | Finish Gross. |
| 3/5 | Families at War | Begin Norton. |
| 3/7 | The Revolution in Women's Lives | |
| 3/12 | Liberty's Daughters | Finish Norton. |
| 3/14 | Exam #2 | |
| 3/19 | Break | |
| 3/21 | Break | |
| 3/26 | The Revolutionary Generation | Begin Ferling. |
| 3/28 | The Revolutionary Generation | |
| 4/2 | Washington, Adams & Jefferson | Finish Ferling. |
| 4/4 | How do you end a Revolution? | Begin Bowen. |
| 4/11 | The Meaning of Victory (Research Papers due.) | |
| 4/16 | From Confederation to Constitution | |
| 4/18 | Inventing America | Finish Bowen. |
| 4/23 | Making the Revolution Real | Begin Young. |
| 4/25 | The Shoemaker and the Tea Party? | |
| 4/30 | History, Memory & Myth | Finish Young. |

5/7 **Take Home Final due by noon.**

Course Requirements:

You are required to attend all classes, read all assigned works by the dates indicated, participate in and facilitate class discussions, take all exams, and write a research paper for this course.

Attendance will be taken. Students with more than **two** unexcused absences in the course will be penalized when their final grade in the course is determined.

All exams must be taken on the dates indicated. The two in-class exams and the take-home final exam are each worth **1/5** of your final course grade.

You are required to write a **12-15** page research paper on a topic related the American Revolutionary Era. The paper is due in class on **4/11**. No late papers will be accepted. The research paper is worth **1/5** of your final course grade.

All students are expected to participate in class discussions. You are also required to facilitate class discussion on one of the assigned monographs during the semester. Class participation and discussion facilitation are worth **1/5** of your final course grade.

No incompletes will be awarded in this course without the permission of the Dean.

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