

History 2700 - The History of the United States Through 1877
Fall 2008 – Syllabus
MWF – 9:30-10:20 AM, BNR 102

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Course Associates:

Graduate Assistant – Kelly Jones
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Three Required Course Texts – all available at the bookstore and at various online vendors

America: A Concise History, Third Edition, Volume 1: To 1877 – edited by James Henretta, David Brody, and Lynn Dumenil, Bedford St. Martins – publisher, (2006).
A Narrative of a Revolutionary Soldier – Joseph Plumb Martin (author), Thomas Fleming (introduction), Signet Classics – Publisher, (2001).
Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass, by Frederick Douglass.

Students with Disabilities

“In cooperation with the Disability Resource Center, reasonable accommodation will be provided for qualified students with disabilities. Please meet with me during the first week of class to make arrangements. Alternative format print materials (large print, audio, CD, or braille) will be available through the Disability Resource Center.”

<http://www.usu.edu/policies/pdf/Accmdtns-for-Disabled.pdf>

Attendance & Participation

Whether or not you decide to attend class is your decision, I do not take attendance. However, missing class will have repercussions. First, on quiz days you won't have any chance of getting those points. Second, more broadly, missing class (and, say, depending on someone else to take notes for you) may produce adverse results. (What if those notes stink?) Regardless, should you decide to attend there are some basic guidelines (outlined below.)

In-Class Behavior

I will do everything in my power to maintain a supportive and respectful learning environment. To ensure this, please raise your hand and wait to be called on before you speak. Students are asked not to interrupt each other, to respect others' opinions, and maintain professionalism at all times. As such, please shut off any cell phones or any other electronic devices before coming to class. If you arrive late, please come in quietly and take a seat in the back. Activities which interfere with other students' learning such as sleeping, talking with your friends, using your cell-phone, etc. during class are disrespectful and will result in a grade penalty.

Grades

Weekly quizzes - 15%
Two papers, each worth 20%
Mid-Term - 20%
Final Exam - 25%

Quizzes

Every week there will be a quiz based on the textbook reading due that week. These are multiple-choice questions with four possible answers.

***There are no make-up quizzes.

***Because the quiz occurs at the start of class it's imperative you show up on time.

Papers and Exams

There will be two short papers (2-3 pages each) assigned over the course of the semester based on the assigned readings. There will be a series of topics for you to select from and compose your response. More details on the papers, the mid-term and final exam will be provided over the course of the semester.

Academic Honesty

*****from the University Academic Integrity – “The Honor System”***
available at <http://www.usu.edu/policies/pdf/Acad-Integrity.pdf>**

Academic Honesty

Each student has the right and duty to pursue his or her academic experience free of dishonesty. The Honor System is designed to establish the higher level of conduct expected and required of all Utah State University students.

The Honor Pledge. To enhance the learning environment at Utah State University and to develop student academic integrity, each student agrees to the following Honor Pledge: “I pledge, on my honor, to conduct myself with the foremost level of academic integrity.”

Infractions

Acts of academic dishonesty include, but are not limited to:

1. **Cheating. (Details on-line)**
2. **Falsification.** Altering or fabricating any information or citation in an academic exercise or activity.
3. **Plagiarism.** ***Representing, by paraphrase or direct quotation, the published or unpublished work of another person as one’s own in any academic exercise or activity without full and clear acknowledgment. It also includes using materials prepared by another person or by an agency engaged in the sale of term papers or other academic materials. **USU operates by the honor system.**

More on Plagiarism

Plagiarism, which is the presenting of other people’s work (published or unpublished), including anything taken from the Internet, as your own work (in other words, without the proper citation) will not be tolerated. There are very serious repercussions for plagiarism. Plagiarized papers will receive a failing grade, risk failing the entire course, and, in accordance with University policy, you will be reported to the Dean’s office. Further details are available at the website mentioned above. If you have questions about the proper use of sources, please feel free to speak with me.

One Last Thing

All the assignments, as well as the schedule of when things are due, are subject to change but if this happens, I will give you advance notice.

History 2700 Schedule – US to 1877

Aug. 25/27 – Course Introduction

Aug. 29 – Chapter 1 – Worlds Collide - Quiz 1

Sept. 1 – Labor Day - No Class

Week of Sept. 3 – Chapter 2 – Invasion and Settlement of NA - Quiz 2

Week of Sept. 8 – Chapter 3 – The British Empire in America - Quiz 3

Week of Sept. 15 – Chapter 4 – Colonial Society - Quiz 4

Week of Sept. 22 – Chapter 5 – Toward Independence - Quiz 5

Week of Sept. 29 – Chapter 6 – War and Revolution - Quiz 6

*****Paper on A Narrative of a Revolutionary Soldier Due Wed. Oct.1*****

Week of Oct. 6 – Chapter 7 – The New Republic - Quiz 7

Oct. 13 – Chapter 8 – Westward Settlement - Quiz 8

*****MIDTERM Wed. Oct. 15*****

Oct. 16 – Thursday is a Friday! Don't miss class!

Week of Oct. 20 – Chapter 9 – Republican Society - Quiz 9

Week of Oct. 27 – Chapter 10 – Economic Revolution - Quiz 10

*****Paper on Narrative of the Life of Federick Douglass Due Wed. Oct. 29*****

Week of Nov. 3 – Chapter 11 – Democratic Revolution - Quiz 11

Week of Nov. 10 – Chapter 12 – Religion and Reform - Quiz 12

Week of Nov. 17 – Chapter 13 – Crisis of the Union - Quiz 13

Nov. 24 – Chapter 14 – The Civil War - Quiz 14

Nov. 26/28 – Thanksgiving

Week of Dec. 1 – Chapter 15 – Reconstruction - Quiz 15

Finals Week December 8-12