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**History 321: THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION**

**COURSE RULES:**

The course requirements are: two papers and two exams weighed equally, and a brief one-page essay. Timely attendance at lectures is required. **No cell phones or beepers are allowed in the class.** All lectures are copyrighted to me and cannot be mechanically reproduced or sold for use on the internet. If you engage in any form of academic dishonesty, you will fail the course and be referred to the dean for students for further disciplinary action as dictated by the university guidelines. All work must be your own and appropriately documented. **ALL** grades are non-negotiable, and are final.

**Week of August 31st: THE EMPIRE AND THE COLONIES**

Gordon Wood, The Radicalism of the American Revolution, 3-93.

**Week of September 7th: IMPERIAL WAR AND ITS DISCONTENT**

Colin Calloway, A Scratch of a Pen, 3-121.

Ned Landsman, "Liberty, Province, and Empire," in Brunsman and Silverman, The American Revolution Reader, 3-22

**Week of September 14th: THE EROSION OF IMPERIAL ORDER**

Robert Gross, The Minutemen and Their World, 3-108.

Eliga Gould, "The Nation Abroad," in Brunsman and Silverman, The American Revolution Reader, 23-52.

**Week of September 21st: TO THE IMPERIAL COLLAPSE**

Piers Mackesy, The War for America 1775-1783, 1-60

John Murrin, "1776: The Countercycle Revolution," in Brunsman and Silverman, The American Revolution Reader, 76-91.

T.H. Breen, "Baubles of Britain," in Brunsman and Silverman, The American Revolution Reader, 53-75.

Woody Holton, "Rebel Against Rebel," in Brunsman and Silverman, The American Revolution Reader, 92-113

**Week of September 28th: THE IDEOLOGICAL CHARACTER OF THE REVOLUTION**

Gordon Wood, Radicalism of the American Revolution, 95-212

Robert Parkinson, "Twenty-Seven Reasons for Independence," in Brunsman and Silverman, The American Revolution Reader, 114-122.

The Declaration of Independence, AVAILABLE ONLINE

**PICTURE AND ONE PAGE ESSAY DUE THURSDAY**

**Week of October 5th: WAR AND SOCIETY**

Robert Gross, The Minutemen and Their World, 109-170.  
Piers Mackesy, The War for America 1775-1783, 73-180.  
John Shy, "The Military Conflict Considered as a Revolutionary Way, in Brunsman and Silverman, The American Revolution Reader, 123-138

**Week of October 12<sup>th</sup>: WORLD WAR: NO CLASS ON TUESDAY--FIRST PAPER DUE: THURSDAY**

**Week of October 19<sup>th</sup>: REPUBLICAN GOVERNMENT, REPUBLICAN ORDER MIDTERM EXAM THURSDAY**

Gary Nash, "Writing on a Clean Slate" in Brunsman and Silverman, The American Revolution Reader, 209-235.  
Michael MacDonald, "Class War? Class Struggles During the American Revolution in Virginia," in Brunsman and Silverman, The American Revolution Reader, 139-165.

**Week of October 26<sup>th</sup>: SLAVERY AND FREEDOM IN THE ERA OF REVOLUTION**

Douglas Egerton, Death or Liberty: African Americans and Revolutionary America, 3-193.  
**RECOMMENDED:** Beeman, Botein, and Carter, Beyond Confederation, 188-225.  
**RECOMMENDED:** Ira Berlin, "The Revolution in Black Life," in Brunsman and Silverman, The American Revolution Reader, 323-345.

**Week of November 2<sup>nd</sup>: THE CONSTITUTIONAL CRISIS**

Richard Beeman, Plain, Honest Men, 3-85, 163-225, 308-385  
Beeman, Botein, and Carter, Beyond Confederation, 162-187, 261-294.  
THE FEDERALIST PAPERS: 10, 51, 52 AVAILABLE ONLINE

**Week of November 9<sup>th</sup>: THE WHISKEY REBELLION AND THE FRONTIER**

Tom Slaughter, The Whiskey Rebellion, 3-60, 91-204, 222-228.  
Alan Taylor, "'To Man Their Rights': The Frontier Revolution," in Brunsman and Silverman, The American Revolution Reader, 304-320.

**Week of November 16<sup>th</sup>: TURMOIL IN THE 1790S: NO CLASS THURSDAY**

John Ferling, Adams Versus Jefferson, 1-112  
Richard Ellis, "The Persistence of Anti Federalism after 1789," Beeman, Botein, and Carter, Beyond Confederation, 295-314.

**Week of November 23<sup>rd</sup>: THE CRISIS OF THE 1790S**

John Ferling, Adams Versus Jefferson, 113-217.  
John Murrin, "A Roof Without Walls," in Beeman, Botein, and Carter, Beyond Confederation 333-348

**Week of November 30<sup>th</sup>: THE SECOND GREAT AWAKENING**

Christina Heyrman, Southern Cross pages, 3-205  
Beeman, Botein, and Carter, Beyond Confederation, 315-332.

**Week of December 7th: THE OLD ORDER AND THE NEW**

Gordon Wood, *The Radicalism of the American Revolution*, 229-370

**FINAL PAPER DUE**

**FINAL EXAM—EXAM WEEK**