

**History 2111 U.S. History to 1865
Fall 2010**

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Course Meetings: This class meets on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 11-11:50 in Pafford, Room 206

Learning Outcomes: History 2111 examines major developments and themes in American History from the pre-Columbian era through the end of the U.S. Civil War. The course has several learning outcomes: Students will demonstrate the ability to think historically through understanding of the political, social, economic, and cultural dimensions of U.S. History; comprehension of causal relationships and patterns of change and continuity over time; and awareness of the social significance of ethnicity, gender, race, and class in historical events and study. Classroom assignments will also help students hone critical thinking, reading, and writing skills. Students will be evaluated using scheduled tests, unscheduled quizzes, and classroom discussions.

Grading/Course Requirements

1st Test/Midterm- 33% of grade

2d Test/Final Exam- 33% of grade

Quizzes- 34% of grade

There is no extra credit offered in this course.

Tests- These will cover material from classroom lectures and assigned texts. The format will be announced in class.

Quizzes- Unannounced quizzes will be given throughout the semester on material from the assigned texts.

Makeup tests & quizzes- Makeups will be given only under emergency circumstances. Students who miss an assignment must provide the instructor with a written excuse from a doctor, coach, etc. explaining the absence. Students with valid excuses will have one week from the time they return to class to make up assignments, after which they will be given a zero on them.

Class participation and discussion- Students are encouraged to ask and answer questions in class. Class participation can only help your final grade in the course and will be taken into consideration at the end of the semester in the case of students with borderline grades.

Attendance- Attendance will be taken at the beginning of every class period. Students who enter class late will not be allowed to sign the roll at the end of class. Students who need to leave during class must provide an excuse to the instructor before the class begins. Anyone who leaves during class without providing an excuse will be marked absent and receive a zero on that day's assignment, even if the student has completed the assignment.

Student attendance will be examined at the end of the semester in the case of students with borderline course grades. Students who are absent should get lecture notes from a classmate.

Cheating- Cheating in any form (including plagiarism- presenting someone else's words as your own without citing them) will not be tolerated. Students caught cheating will receive an F on that assignment and possibly an F in the course.

Assigned Texts: In addition to the texts listed below, there are several weeks of online reserve readings accessible on the UWG Library webpage. Instructions for gaining access to these readings will be given in class.

Ayers, Gould, Oshinsky, & Soderland, American Passages, A History of the United States Volume One: To 1877 Brief Edition

Maddox, Robert J., Annual Editions American History Vol. I (21st Edition)

Rowlandson, Mary, The Sovereignty and Goodness of God

Douglass, Frederick, Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass

Alcott, Louisa May, Hospital Sketches

Weekly Assignments Note: All chapter references are to Ayers, et al., American Passages

Week 1- August 13 Introduction

Week 2- August 16-20 Chapters 2-3, Annual Editions, Articles 1, 2, 3

Week 3- August 23-27 Chapter 4 Annual Editions, Articles 4, 5, 6

Week 4- August 30-September 3 Chapter 5, Quiz over Rowlandson, Sovereignty and Goodness of God on Friday, Sept. 3

Week 5- Sept 6-10 **No classes on Monday, Sept 6 (Labor Day)** Chapter 6, Annual Editions, Articles 11, 13, 14, 15

Week 6- Sept 13-17 Chapter 7

Week 7- Sept 20-24 Chapter 8, Annual Editions Articles 21, 22, 23

Week 8- Sept 27-Oct 1 Chapter 9, Annual Editions Articles 24, 25, 26

Week 9- Oct. 4-8 Chapter 10 **First Test on Friday, Oct 8**

Week 10 Oct 11-15 No class on Oct 15 Chapter 11 Quiz on Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass on Wednesday, Oct 13

Week 11 Oct 18-22 Chapter 12 **No class on Friday, Oct 22**

Week 12 Oct 25-29 Chapter 13, Online reading entitled “Was Antebellum Reform Motivated Primarily by Humanitarian Goals?”

Week 13 Nov 1-5 **No class on Friday, Nov 5** Chapter 14

Week 14 Nov 8-12 Online readings entitled “Little Women? The Female Mind at Work in Antebellum America” and “The Great Famine”

Week 15 Nov 15-19 Chapter 15, Articles 33, 34, 38

Week 16 Nov 22-26 **No class on Nov 24 or 26- Thanksgiving Break**

Week 17 November 29-Dec 3 **Last day of class is Friday, Dec 3** Quiz over Alcott, Hospital Sketches on Wednesday, Dec. 1

Final Exam is on Monday, Dec 6, 11-1 am, Pafford Room 206