

**History 2111 Fall 2007**  
**U.S. History to 1865**

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**Course Meetings:** This class meets on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 11-11:50 a.m. in TLC, Room 1203.

**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 major goals: to increase the student's understanding of America's past, to foster an appreciation of history as a branch of knowledge that is constantly changing and highly relevant to today's society, and to encourage critical thinking, reading, and writing skills. Students will be evaluated using scheduled tests, unscheduled quizzes, and classroom discussions.

**Grading/Course Requirements**

1<sup>st</sup> Test- 25% of grade

2nd Test- 25% of grade

3d Test/Final Exam- 25% of grade

Quizzes- 25% 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 to make up assignments, after which time they will be given a zero on the test or quiz.

**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 in the case of students with borderline grades.

**Attendance-** Attendance will be taken at the beginning of every class period. Students who come into 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**

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

Maddox, Robert J., Annual Editions American History Vol. I (19<sup>th</sup> Edition)

Douglass, Frederick, Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass

McPherson, James, What They Fought For

**Weekly Assignments** **Note: All chapter references are to Ayers, et al., American Passages. Numbered articles are in Annual Editions. Handouts will be essays given out in class several weeks prior to the time that they are due.**

Week 1- August 13-17 Chapter 1

Week 2- August 20-24 Chapters 2-3, Annual Editions, Articles 1, 2, 3

Week 3- August 27-31 Chapter 4, Annual Editions, Articles 6, 7, 8

Week 4- September 3-7 Chapter 5, Annual Editions Articles 12, 13, 15

Week 5- September 10-14 Chapter 6, Annual Editions Article 16, 17, 18

Week 6- September 17-21 Chapter 7 **First Test on Friday, September 21 (covering chapters 1-6 in Ayers)**

Week 7- September 24-28 Chapter 8, Annual Editions Articles 19, 20, 21, 22

Week 8- October 1-5 Chapter 9, Annual Editions Article 23 & handout

Week 9- October 8-12 **No class on Friday, Oct. 12** Chapter 10, Annual Editions Article 24 & handout due on Oct. 10

Week 10 October 15-19 Chapter 11 **Note: Quiz on Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass on Friday, Oct. 19**

Week 11 October 22-26 Chapter 12, Annual Editions, Article 26 & handouts due on Wednesday, October 24 **Second Test on Friday, October 26**

Week 12 October 29-Nov 2 Chapter 13, **No class on Friday, November 2**

Week 13 November 5-9 Chapter 14 Handouts

Week 14 November 12-16 Chapter 15 Handouts, including essay entitled “The Father of American Terrorism”

Week 15 November 19-23 **No class on Wed, Nov. 21 or Fri, Nov. 23 (Thanksgiving break)**

Week 16 November 26-30 Annual Editions Articles 26, 28, 30, 31

Week 17 December 3-7 **McPherson due Monday, Dec. 3** Last day of class is Wednesday, Dec. 5

**Final Exam is on Monday, December 10, 11a.m.- 1 p.m. in TLC, Room 1203.**