Objectives

This course will present selected major trends, important concepts, and important facts in American History from the Colonial period through the late nineteenth century.

Upon completion of this course, students will be able to
1. describe the chronology of American history from the Colonial period through the Civil War and Reconstruction.
2. describe the development of American political history from the Colonial period through the Civil War and Reconstruction.
3. describe the development of American foreign policy from the Colonial period through the Civil War and Reconstruction.
4. demonstrate effective writing, analytical thinking, and oral communication skills based on material from class assignments.
5. describe the geographical evolution of the United States from the Colonial period through the Civil War and Reconstruction.
6. describe American social and cultural traditions from the Colonial period through the Civil War and Reconstruction.
7. describe the chronology of Georgia history from the Colonial period to the present.

Required Readings


WHAT IS HISTORY?

The American Historical Association describes the study of history as, "the study of the past, including the study of change and continuity over time. Studying history not only trains students to place events in historical perspective, it also develops research skills and sharpens students analytical thinking."

According to historian Peter Stearns, "the past causes the present, and so the future. Sometimes fairly recent history will suffice to explain a major development, but often we need to look further back to identify the causes of change. Only through studying history can we grasp how things change; only through history can we begin to comprehend the factors that cause change; and only through history can we understand what elements of an institution or a society persist despite change."
STUDENT ASSESSMENT

Attendance: 10% of your grade. Each student will start the semester with 100 points for attendance. You will be allowed two excused absences from class (no penalty) On the third absence from class, you will begin to lose five points per absence off your 100 points.

Tests: 70% of your grade. There will be a quiz/test after each major topic we cover. This will allow you to accumulate many grades. NO MAKE UP WORK WILL BE ALLOWED (more about this in class).

Final Exam: 20% of your grade

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