

HISTORY 4451/01
Spring 2015

CIVIL WAR AND RECONSTRUCTION
Class: SO 22, Room 2035

WILLS
Office: SO 22, Room 3016

Books:

James L. Stokesbury, A Short History of the Civil War

Emory M. Thomas, Confederate Nation

Eric Foner, A Short History of Reconstruction

Description and Format:

History 4451/01 explores the period of the American Civil War and Reconstruction. We will examine both the broad trends and many of the specific issues that the people during this span of time faced in an attempt to understand why these people thought and acted as they did. Since History is the process of asking questions and seeking answers, you will have to participate in this process in order to “get” anything out of it.

Attendance and Requirements:

Regular attendance is expected. While some absences may be unavoidable, you should make it a point to attend class. These sessions will be important in determining your final grade, both as to the types of information you will be tested on and as part of a class participation grade. Obviously you will have to attend class in order to participate.

Any outside reading is required as noted on the syllabus or announced in class. You will be responsible for material on the dates shown or announced. The readings will constitute a major part of the tests, discussions and final grade for the course.

Tests and Final Course Grade:

There will be two tests, a final exam and several small project grades. Make-up tests will only be given for excused absences, that is when the instructor and the student have made other arrangements ahead of time. Missing a test or exam without notification to the instructor does not constitute an excused absence. In English, if you are ill, have a family emergency, etc., you will need to contact the instructor or have someone contact him on your behalf. Your failure to do so puts the instructor under no obligation to give you a make-up. Two test grades (25% each), a final exam grade (30%) and a class attendance/ participation grade (20%) will determine your final course grade.

Note: No student shall receive, attempt to receive, knowingly give or attempt to give unauthorized assistance in the preparation of any work required to be submitted for credit (including examinations, laboratory reports, essays, themes, term papers, etc.). Unless specifically authorized, the presence and/or use of electronic devices during an examination, quiz, or other class assignment is considered cheating. Engaging in any behavior that a professor prohibits as academic misconduct in the syllabus or in class discussion is cheating. When direct quotations are used, they should be indicated, and when the ideas, theories, data, figures, graphs, programs, electronic based information or illustrations of someone other than the student are incorporated into a paper or used in a project, they should be duly acknowledged. No student may submit the same, or substantially the same, paper or other assignment for credit in more than one class without the prior permission of the current professor(s).

(from Section II-A of the KSU Student Code of Conduct, as modified for Fall semester 2011)

Office Hours: I will be available throughout the semester at hours posted on the door. For the Spring they will be from 9:30-11:00 A.M. on most MW. I will also be available to meet on most TH from 8:00-11:00 A.M. The exceptions will be when I am in meetings or out of town attending conferences. I am frequently in the office at other times as well as being available by appointment.

Readings and Assignments:

Week 1:	Jan. 7	Introduction: Moonlight and Magnolias
Week 2:	Jan. 12 & 14	Honor Bound for Conflict Read Stokesbury, Ch. 2; Thomas, Ch. 1
Week 3:	[Holiday Jan. 19] Jan. 21	Eve of Destruction Stokesbury, Ch. 2; Thomas, Ch. 2
Week 4:	Jan. 26 & 28	“The House Divides” Stokesbury, Ch.1; Thomas, Ch. 3
Week 5:	Feb. 2 & 4	Amateurs at War Stokesbury, Chs. 3-5 & 8; Thomas, Chs. 4-5
Week 6:	Feb. 9 & 11	Taking it for Granted or Getting Some Leeway Stokesbury, Chs. 6-7; Thomas, Chs. 6-7
Week 7:	Feb. 16 & 18	The War Hits Home FIRST TEST Stokesbury, Ch. 9, 12 & 17; Thomas, Chs. 6-7
Week 8:	Feb. 23 & 25	John Bull to the Rescue? Stokesbury, Chs. 4 & 9; Thomas, Ch. 8
Week 9:	Mar. 2 & 4	From High Tide to Ebb Tide Stokesbury, Chs. 10-11; Thomas, Chs. 9-10
Week 10:	Mar. 9 & 11	“War Means Fighting” Stokesbury, Chs. 13-14; Thomas, Ch. 11
Week 11:	Mar. 16 & 18	Fight to the Finish SECOND TEST Stokesbury, Chs. 15-16; Thomas, Ch. 12
Week 12:	Mar. 23 & 25	“I’m A-Going Home” Stokesbury, Chs. 18-21
Week 13:	Mar. 30 & Apr. 1	“Forty Acres and a Mule:” Reconstruction’s Promise Stokesbury, Ch. 22; Foner, Preface, Chs. 1-3
Week 14:	Apr. 4-10	SPRING BREAK
Week 15:	Apr. 13 & 15	Vetoes and Voting: Reconstruction’s Struggle Foner, Chs. 4-7
Week 16:	Apr. 20 & 22	Croppers and Klansmen: Reconstruction’s Reality Foner, Chs. 8-11
Week 17:	Apr. 27 & 29	End of Reconstruction and Reform?/Review Foner, Ch. 12, Epilogue
FINAL EXAM:	May 6	8:00 A.M.-10:00 A.M.