This American History course covers the history of the United States from the European contact period with Native Americans to the end of Reconstruction.

Reading:
• Slave Ship by Marcus Rediker.
• Narrative of the life of Frederick Douglass, an American slave, written by himself.
• America Firsthand by David Burner, John M. Gigie, Anthony Marcus.
• Additional reading (articles or primary sources) that will be posted on sakai on a weekly basis for our discussions.

Your final grade will be determined as follows:
Midterm exam 30% (February 25, in class)
Paper 20% (4 to 6 pages, posted on Sakai on week 4 and due on March 27)
Final exam 25% (April 29, in class)
Participation 15% (weekly, throughout the semester)
Quizzes 10% (Surprise! but on Fridays...)

Both the midterm and the final will be composed of identifications, short-answer questions (they will be broader than the IDs and require a more elaborate answer), and essay questions.

The paper will be 4 to 6 pages and based on Slave Ship and Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass, which we will read and discuss in class. Any paper turned in late, will deducted 1/3 of grade per day after the due date.

You will also have quizzes, composed of 5 questions on the lectures and reading, which will be given in class on Fridays, on an unannounced basis. The quizzes are given to make sure you are keeping up with the class material and have a working knowledge of the subject matter.

You will be graded for participation weekly (5: in class but no participation; 8: little to moderate participation; 10: good participation).

Mondays and Wednesdays will be mostly dedicated to lectures but I will ask for your thoughts, and welcome questions throughout the class. On Fridays, we will have discussions on the assigned reading (article or primary source posted on Sakai). Days where we will have more extensive reading are marked in the syllabus (Example: ****Slave Ship****) so that you can plan ahead and give yourself more time to read the material.

You will be allowed 3 absences throughout the semester. More than 3 absences will cause your weekly participation grade to go down, from 10 to 8, from 8 to 5, or 5 to 0, depending on your initial grade for that week. I will drop the 3 lowest participation grades for those who have not been absent.
Please do not hesitate to email me if you have any questions, concerns, or comments.

**UNIT 1: European Contact and Early America**

**Week 1**- Wednesday January 7  
Introduction to the class

Friday January 9  

**Week 2** - Monday January 12  
America’s History - Chapter 2

Wednesday January 14

Friday January 16  
See on Sakai for the assigned reading

**Week 3** - Monday January 19  
No class

Wednesday January 21  
America’s History - Chapter 3

Friday January 23  
See on Sakai for the assigned reading

**Week 4** - Monday January 26  
America’s History - Chapter 4

Wednesday January 28

Friday January 30  
****Read *Slave Ship* (Except chapters 7 and 8)****

**Week 5** - Monday February 2  
America’s History - Chapter 5

Wednesday February 4

Friday February 6  
See on Sakai for the assigned reading

**UNIT 2: the Revolution**
**Week 6** - Monday February 9  
America's History - Chapter 6

Wednesday February 11

Friday February 13  
See on Sakai for the assigned reading

UNIT 3: Creating a Nation

**Week 7** - Monday February 16  
America's History - Chapter 7

Wednesday February 18

Friday February 20  
See on Sakai for the assigned reading

**Week 8** - Monday February 23  
America's History - Chapter 8

Wednesday February 25  
MIDTERM

Friday February 27  
No class - Recover from the midterm.

February 28 to March 8 - **SPRING BREAK**

**Week 9** - Monday March 9  
America's History - Chapter 9

Wednesday March 11

Friday March 13  
See on Sakai for the assigned reading

UNIT 4: A Nation Growing

**Week 10** - Monday March 16  
America's History - Chapter 10

Wednesday March 18

Friday March 20
****Narrative of the life of Frederick Jackson, an American slave****

**Week 11 - Monday March 23**
****America's History - Chapter 10 (pp 357-373) & Chapter 12****

Wednesday March 25

Friday March 27
See on Sakai for the assigned reading

**PAPER DUE**

**Week 12 - Monday March 30**
America's History - Chapter 13

Wednesday April 1

Friday April 3
See on Sakai for the assigned reading

**Week 13 - Monday April 6**
America's History - Chapter 14

Wednesday April 8

Friday April 10
See on Sakai for the assigned reading

**Week 14 - Monday April 13**
America's History - Chapter 15

Wednesday April 15

Friday April 17
See on Sakai for the assigned reading

**Week 15 - Monday April 20**
America's History - Chapter 16

Wednesday April 22
Review

**FINAL EXAM:** Wednesday April 29, 12:30-2:30 (NOT our usual class period at 12:50!) in our classroom.