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## **AMH 2010: AMERICAN HISTORY TO 1877**

### Required Texts:

Eric Foner, *Give Me Liberty*, Seagull 5<sup>th</sup> edition, volume 1  
Anthony Marcus et al., *America Firsthand*, 10<sup>th</sup> edition, volume 1  
Paul Boyer and Stephen Nissenbaum, *Salem Possessed*  
Tyler Anbinder, *Five Points*  
Frederick Douglass, *Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass* (Dover edition)

### Course Requirements:

A midterm examination, brief weekly assignments, a short paper, and a final examination will be required. The midterm examination, which will be worth 20 percent of your grade, will be given on February 18, and the required paper, which will be four pages in length and worth 20 percent of your grade, will be due on April 5 (at the start of class). Twenty percent of your grade will be based on attendance, participation in discussions, and weekly assignments. The weekly assignment, which will be due at the start of class on Fridays (beginning on January 25), will consist of a two-to-three paragraph analysis of the major themes explored in the lectures and the reading assignment for the week. These brief essays should be well written and typed and will be required for weeks 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 10, 11, 12, 14, and 15. A cumulative final examination, which will be worth 40 percent of your grade, will be given on April 30 (at 10:00 a.m. in 207 Leigh Hall). This course will employ UF's grading scale (A=4.0; A-=3.67; B+=3.33; B=3.0; B-=2.67; C+=2.33; C=2.0; C-=1.67; D+=1.33; D=1.0; D-=0.67; E=0.0). Students cannot pass AMH 2010 unless they submit the required paper, submit (on time) at least seven of the weekly assignments, and take both the midterm and final examinations. There will be no make-up examinations, except in cases of medical emergencies. Students should not use cell phones during class and should use laptop computers only for note taking. Anyone requiring special classroom accommodations must register with the Dean of Students Office and should discuss his or her particular needs with me during the first three weeks of the semester. Students must conform to UF's honesty policy regarding cheating, plagiarism, and the use of copyrighted materials, which can be reviewed at <http://www.dso.ufl.edu/scctr/>.

### Lectures and Reading Assignments:

1. Jan. 7, 9, 11      North America in the Age of Discovery  
Reading Assignment: Foner, *Give Me Liberty*, chap. 1
2. Jan. 14, 16, 18      Early Settlement in British North America  
Reading Assignment: Foner, *Give Me Liberty*, chap. 2; Marcus et al.,  
*America Firsthand*, docs. 1-7
3. Jan. 23, 25      Race and Slavery in Colonial America  
Reading Assignment: Marcus et al., *America Firsthand*, docs. 9-12

4. Jan. 28, 30, Feb. 1 Puritan New England  
Reading Assignment: Marcus et al., *America Firsthand*, doc. 8
5. Feb. 4, 6, 8 Conflict and Witchcraft in the Seventeenth Century  
Reading Assignment: Boyer and Nissenbaum, *Salem Possessed*
6. Feb. 11, 13, 15 The Great Awakening  
Reading Assignment: Foner, *Give Me Liberty*, chaps. 3-4
7. Feb. 18 Midterm Examination
- Feb. 20, 22 A Collapsing Empire and a Revolution  
Reading Assignment: Foner, *Give Me Liberty*, chaps. 5-6; Marcus et al., *America Firsthand*, docs. 13-20
8. Feb. 25, 27, Mar. 1 Thomas Jefferson's America  
Reading Assignment: Foner, *Give Me Liberty*, chaps. 7-8; Marcus et al., *America Firsthand*, docs. 21-29
9. Mar. 4, 6, 8 Spring Break (no classes)  
No Reading Assignment
10. Mar. 11, 13, 15 The Transportation Revolution  
Reading Assignment: Foner, *Give Me Liberty*, chap. 9
11. Mar. 18, 20, 22 The Industrial Revolution  
Reading Assignment: Foner, *Give Me Liberty*, chap. 10; Marcus et al., *America Firsthand*, docs. 30-32, 34-36; Anbinder, *Five Points*, chaps. 1-7
12. Mar. 25, 27, 29 Immigrants and Poverty in the Industrial City  
Reading Assignment: Foner, *Give Me Liberty*, chap. 12; Anbinder, *Five Points*, chaps. 8-14
13. Apr. 1, 3, 5 The Slavery and the Old South  
Reading Assignment: Foner, *Give Me Liberty*, chap. 11; Douglass, *Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass*; Marcus et al., *America Firsthand*, docs. 33, 37-41
14. Apr. 8, 10, 12 The Coming of War  
Reading Assignment: Foner, *Give Me Liberty*, chap. 13; Marcus et al., *America Firsthand*, docs. 42-44
15. Apr. 15, 17, 19 The Civil War  
Reading Assignment: Foner, *Give Me Liberty*, chap. 14; Marcus et al., *America Firsthand*, docs. 45-52
16. April 22, 24 Reconstruction and the Birth of Modern America  
Reading Assignment: Foner, *Give Me Liberty*, chap. 15