

HIST 3702 - Early America

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Ph.D., AmericanHistory,University of Pennsylvania,1988

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Course Description

3702. Early America. From the first English interactions with the Native Americans and Africans, to the rebellion for Independence, to the struggles over the creation of the Constitution. 3 s.h.

Course Readings

Group	Title	Author	ISBN
Required	The Elizabethan's America	Louis B. Wright	NA
Required	America:Early Maps of the New world	Hans Wolff	3-7913-1232-4
Required	His Opinion Of This Intended Voyage (1583	John Hawkins	NA
Required	Reasons for Colonization (1583)	Richard Hakluyt	NA
Required	Pursuits of Happiness, "Two Models of English Colonization, 1600-1660"	Jack Greene	0-8078-4227-3
Required	Southern Colonies in the 17th Century, " Maryland""	W. Frank Craven	NA
Required	A Map of Virginia. With a description of the Countrey, the Commodities, People, Government and Religion, (1607)	John Smith	NA
Required	The New Life of Virginea: Declaring the former succeſſe and preſent eſtate of that plantation Being the Second part of Nova Britannia, (1612)	R.I. (Anonymous)	NA
Required	Passengers on the Mayflower: Ages & Occupations, Origins & Connections	NA	NA
Required	Maryland Toleration Act (1649)	Cecil Calvert	NA



Required	Colonial America 4th ed. "African Americans in the British Colonies";	Jerome Reich	0-13-749573-0
Required	American Colonies, "Natives * 13,000 B.C- A.D. 1492";	Alan Taylor	978-0-14-2002-10-0
Required	Index of White Watercolors and DeBry Engravings	Virtual Jamestown	NA
Required	The Statutes At Large Of Virginia	WW Hening ed.	NA
Required	American Colonies: The Settling of North America	Alan Taylor	978-0-14-2002-10-0
Required	A Minute Against Slavery, Addressed to the Germantown Monthly Meeting, 1688	Germantown Meeting	NA
Required	Runaway Slave Advertisements	National Humanities Center	NA
Required	Brave New World	Peter Hoffer	0-669-399476-9
Required	English Bill of Rights 1689	Avalon Law	NA
Required	Sinners in the Hands of an Angry God	Jonathan Edwards	NA
Required	A Discourse Concerning Unlimited Submission and Non-Resistance to Higher Power	Jonathan Mayhew	NA
Required	The American Revolution:1763-1783, Herbert Aptheker "Origins";		0-7178-0005-9
Required	In the Course of Human Events	James Kirby Martin	978-0882957951
Required	The Curious Zebra (1777)	Library of Congress	NA
Required	BY THE KING. A PROCLAMATION (1763)	George III	NA
Required	The Currency Act; April 19, 1764	Avalon Law	NA
Required	The Stamp Act, March 22, 1765	Avalon Law	NA
Required	New York Merchants Non- importation Agreement; October 31, 1765	Avalon Law	NA
Required	The Declaratory Act; March 18, 1766	Avalon Law	NA
Required	he Ideological Origins of the American Revolution, "Transformations";	Bernard Bailyn	0-674-44301-2
Required	The Varieties of Political Experience in Eighteenth Century America, "The Unfinished Revolution in American Political Culture";	Richard Beeman	0-8122-1977-5
Required	Alien and Sedition Acts	Avalon Law	NA
Required	US Constitution	National Archives	NA

All reading amaterial will be available in BlackBoard. No Purchases are required.

The course readings are subject to change in the event of extenuating circumstances, research developments, current events, and/or to ensure better learning.

Schedule of Topics and Assignments

Week of	Reading(s)	Proposed Topic	Due/To Prepare for Class
8/24	Wright America: Early Maps	ELIZABETHAN AMERICA	Reading Quiz –25 August Discussion – Munster Map - 27 August



8/31	Hawkins & Hakluyt		Document Analysis – Hawkins & Hakluyt - 1 September Module Essay 4 September
9/7	Greene & Craven Map of Virginia & New Life	THREE MODELS OF COLONIZATION – Virginia, New England and Maryland	Reading Quiz – 8 September Document 1 Analysis – Jamestown – 11 September
9/14	Passengers on Mayflower Maryland Toleration Act		Discussion – Plymouth – 15 September Document 2 Analysis – Maryland – 21 September
9/21			Module Essay – 25 September
9/28	Reich & Taylor Natives	NATIVES AND OTHER STRANGERS – Indians and Africans	Reading Quiz – 29 September Discussion – Native American – 2 October
10/5	Virginia Statutes		Document Analysis – Virginia Statutes– 6 October Module Essay – 9 October
10/12	Taylor Minute Against Slavery	INTERREGNUM & LATE COMERS	Reading Quiz – 13 October Discussion – Minute Against Slavery –16 October
10/19	Runaway Advertisements		6 October Document Analysis – Slave Advertisements– 20 October Module Essay – 23 October
10/26	Hoffer Cultural Values-English Bill of Rights	CONFLICT AND COMPROMISE: GLORIOUS REVOLUTIONS, ENLIGHTENMENTS & GREAT AWAKENINGS	Reading Quiz – 27 October Discussion – Cultural Values –30 October
11/2	Old And New Lights (Mayhew & Edwards)		Document Analysis – Old And New Lights –3 November Module Essay – 6 November
11/9	Aptheker & Martin Curious Zebra	REVOLTS REBELLIONS AND REVOLUTIONS	Reading Quiz – 10 November Discussion – Curious Zebra – 13 November
11/16	British Actions-Parliament		Document Analysis – British Actions –17 November Module Essay – 20 November
11/23	Bailyn and Beeman	REMAKING AMERICA	Reading Quiz – 24 November
11/30	Alien AND Sedition US Constitution		Discussion – Finishing the Revolution –1 December Document Analysis – US Constitution–4 December
12/7		Finals/Module 7 Essay	Due 9 December

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