

History 112: Era of the American Revolution
Schedule: Fall 2006
Professor Gronim

Sept. 6 Introduction to the Course

Part I: Explaining why there was an American Revolution

- Sept. 11 Lecture: The Colonies in 1750
Optional: Jack P. Greene, "The Preconditions of the American Revolution" in Major Problems, p. 47.
- Sept. 13 Discussion: how "American" were these colonists?
Read in Major Problems:
Smith, a Connecticut Slave...,p. 28
Winslow, a Schoolgirl...,p. 37
Fithian, a New Jersey Tutor..., p. 40
Read in Packet:
Runaway servant ads
Neolin's Journey to the Master of Life
- Sept. 18 Lecture: Belonging to an Empire
Optional: P.J. Marshall, "Britain Defined by Its Empire," in Major Problems, p. 88.
- Sept. 20 Discussion: what visions of empire did people have?
Read in Major Problems
Virginia Stamp Act..., p. 99
Governor Francis Bernard ..., p. 100
Declarations of the Stamp Act Congress, p.102
"William Pym" asserts..., p. 103
The House of Commons..., p. 105
Lord Camden..., p. 110
Parliament repeals..., p. 112
- Sept. 25 Lecture: The Course of Estrangement
Optional: Thomas M. Doerflinger, "The Mixed Motives of Merchant Revolutionaries" in Major Problems, p. 173.
- Sept. 27 Discussion: why did people rebel?
Read in Major Problems
John Adams reflects..., p. 140
Parliament debates..., p. 140
The Coercive Acts, p. 143

Thomas Jefferson asserts, p. 146
Declaration and Resolves..., p. 152
King George Proclaims..., p. 154
Thomas Paine calls..., p. 155
The Declaration of Independence, p. 170

[Oct. 2 No class: Yom Kippur]

Oct. 4 Lecture: Causality in History
Read in packet
Edward Hallett Carr, "Causation in History" from What Is History? (1961)

Oct. 9 Exam on Part I

Part II: Explaining the Outcome of the War

Oct. 11 Lecture: The Military Course of the War
Optional: John W. Shy, "Hearts and Minds: The Case of 'Long Bill' Scott," in Major Problems, p. 205.

Oct. 16 Discussion: experiencing the military struggle
Read in Major Problems
General George Washington Asks..., p. 194
Congress Calls on..., p. 197
General George Washington Explains..., p. 200
Read in packet
Paine, excerpts from "The Crisis"
Thacher, A Winter Encampment
Martin, A Soldier's View

Oct. 18 Discussion: experiences of opponents
Read in Major Problems
Oneida Indians Declare..., p. 225
Patriots Intimidate..., p. 229
A Patriot Urges..., p. 229
Loyalists Plead..., p. 233
Read in packet
Struther's account
Van Cortlandt's letters

Oct. 23 Discussion: experiences of African-Americans
Read in Major Problems
Worcester County..., p. 258

- Lemuel Hayes..., p. 258
 Lord Dunmore Promises..., p. 259
 Three Virginia Counties..., p. 260
 Read in packet
 Boston King's narrative
- Oct. 25 Discussion: experiences of white women
 Read in Major Problems
 Thomas Paine Admits..., p. 288
 Abigail and John Adams..., p. 290
 An American Woman Asserts..., p. 293
 Read in packet
 Sarah Osborn's account
- Oct. 30 Lecture: The War and the Wider World
 Optional: Gregory Evans Down, "There Was No Winning Strategy
 for Indians" in Major Problems, p. 205.
- Nov. 1 Exam on Part II

Part III: Explaining Why the Constitution Became the Basis for the US

- Nov. 6 Lecture: A Confederation of Republics
 Optional: Jack Rakove, "American Federalism Before the
 Constitution," in Major Problems, p. 364.
- Nov. 8 Discussion: A Christian People?
 Read in Major Problems
 Toleration Can Be Joined..., p. 312
 Massachusetts Declaration..., p. 314
 Rev. Ezra Stiles..., p. 317
 Philadelphia Jews..., p. 319
 James Madison Protests..., p. 320
- Nov. 13 Lecture: The Significance of the West
- Nov. 15 Discussion: Money and Power
 Read in Major Problems
 Delegates Report..., p. 355
 Hampshire County..., p. 357
 Regulators Call..., p. 358
 Massachusetts Legislature..., p. 359
 Read in packet
 Minot's account of Shay's Rebellion

- Nov. 20 Discussion: Proposing reform
Read in Major Problems
James Madison on..., p. 390
Congress Debates..., p. 402
- [Nov. 22 No class: Thanksgiving]
- Nov. 27 Discussion: What was the Constitution?
Read in Major Problems
The Constitution..., p. 411
- Nov. 29 Discussion: Federalists and Anti-Federalists
Read in Major Problems
The *Federalist* expounds..., p. 440 (all 5 excerpts)
Antifederalists attack..., p. 451 (all 3 excerpts)
- Dec. 4 Discussion: The Bill of Rights
Read in Major Problems
The Constitutional Amendments, 1791, p. 462
- Dec. 6 Lecture: Feeling like a Nation
- Dec. 11 Lecture: The Age of Revolution
- TBA Final Exam