

American Major Field Reading List: Preliminary Version

Textbooks:

Eric Foner, *Give Me Liberty*, Vol. I
David Henretta, et. al., *America: A Concise History*
Alan Brinkley, *The Unfinished Nation*, Vol II.
Davidson, DeLay, Heyrman, Lytle, & Stoff, *Nation of Nations*, vol. II

Major Problems Series

The Era of the American Revolution, Richard D. Brown, et.al., eds.
The Early Republic, Sean Wilentz, ed.
The Civil War and Reconstruction, Michael Perman, et. al., eds.
American Colonial History, Karen Ordahl Kupperman, ed.
Major Problems in American History Volume II: Since 1865 by Elizabeth Cobbs-Hoffman and Jon Gjerde
Major Problems in the History of American Sexuality: Documents and Essays, Katy Preiss and Thomas G. Paterson
Major Problems in American Foreign Relations, Volume II: Since 1914 by Dennis Merrill and Thomas Paterson
Major Problems in American Military History: Documents and Essays by John Chambers, G. Kurt Piehler and Thomas Paterson
Major Problems in American History Since 1945 by Robert Griffith and Paula Baker
Major Problems in the History of the American South, Vol I, Escott
Major Problems in the History of the American South: Documents and Essays, Volume II by Escott, Goldfield, McMillen, and Turner
Major Problems in American Women's History: Documents and Essays, Norton, Alexander, and Paterson
Major Problems in African American History, Vol. I Holt, Brown and Paterson
Major Problems in African American History, Vol II Holt, Brown, and Paterson
Major Problems in the History of the American West, Documents and Essays, Milner
Major Problems in the Gilded Age and the Progressive Era, Fink & Paterson

Blackwell Companion Series

A Companion to 19th Century America
A Companion to 20th Century America
A Companion to the American Revolution
A Companion to American Women's History
A Companion to Colonial America
A Companion to Civil War and Reconstruction
A Companion to the American South

A Companion to American Cultural History
A Companion to African American History

Twayne Studies in American Thought and Culture

From Colonials to Provincials: American Thought and Culture, 1680-1760

Roots of American Democracy: American Thought and Culture, 1760-1800

Toward a New Society: American Thought and Culture, 1800-1830

The Victorian Homefront: American Thought and Culture, 1860-1880

Reluctant Modernism: American Thought and Culture, 1880-1900

Voices of the Marketplace: American Thought and Culture, 1830-1860

Balancing Acts: American Thought and Culture in the 1930s

Age of Doubt: American Thought and Culture in the 1940s

Age of Contradiction: American Thought and Culture in the 1960s

The Post-Modernist Turn: American Thought and Culture in the 1970s

Monographs

Colonial America: Contact, Origins of Slavery, and Life in the Colonies
Syntheses:

Alan Taylor, *American Colonies: The Settling of North America*

Jon Butler,

European and Native Contact in the New World

1. **Richter, Daniel. *Facing East From Indian Country.***
2. **Calloway, Colin. *New Worlds For All: Indians, Europeans, and the Remaking of Early America.***
3. **Merrell, James. *The Indians' New World: Catawbas and Their Neighbors from European through the Era of Removal.***
4. **Usner, David. *Indians, Settlers, and Slaves in the Frontier Exchange Community: The Mississippi Valley before 1783.***
5. **White, Richard. *The Middle Ground: Indians, Empires, and Empires in the Great Lakes Region, 1650-1815***

Colonial New England and the North

6. **Heyrman, Christine. *Commerce and Culture: the Maritime Communities of Colonial Massachusetts, 1690-1750.***
7. **Godbeer, Richard. *Sexual Revolution in Early America.***
8. **Block, Sharon. *Rape and Sexual Power in Early America.***
9. **Merrell, James. *Into the American Woods: Negotiations on the Pennsylvania Frontier***
10. **Demos, John Putnam. *Entertaining Satan: Witchcraft and the Culture of Early New England.***
11. **Hall, David. *Worlds of Wonder, Days of Judgment: Popular Religious Beliefs in Colonial New England.***

12. **Ulrich, Laurel Thatcher. *Good Wives: Image and Reality in the Lives of Women in Northern New England, 1650-1750.***
13. **Ulrich, Laurel Thatcher. *A Midwife's Tale: The Life of Martha Ballard, Based on Her Diary 1785-1812***

Slavery and the Colonial South

14. **Brown, Kathleen. *Good Wives, Nasty Wenches, and Anxious Patriarchs: Gender, Race and Power in Colonial Virginia.***
15. **Rhys Isaac, *The Transformation of Virginia, 1740-1790.***
16. **Kulikoff, Alan. *Tobacco and Slaves: The Development of Southern Cultures in the Chesapeake, 1680-1800***
17. **John Thornton, *Africa and Africans in the Making of the Atlantic World, 1400-1800***
18. **Berlin, Ira. *Many Thousands Gone.***
19. **Edmund Morgan, *American Slavery, American Freedom: The Ordeal of Colonial Virginia***

The Era of Revolution and Origins of American Government

20. **T.H. Breen, *The Marketplace of Revolution: How Consumer Politics Shaped American Independence.***
21. **Carp, Benjamin. *Rebels Rising: Cities and the American Revolution.***
22. **John Butler, *Becoming America: The Revolution before 1776.***
23. **Nash, Gary. *The Urban Crucible: Social Change, Political Consciousness, and the Origins of the American Revolution.***
24. **Mary Beth Norton, *Liberty's Daughters: The Revolutionary Experience of American Women, 1750-1800***
25. **Bailyn, Bernard. *The Ideological Origins of the American Revolution.***
26. **Gordon S. Wood, *The Radicalism of the American Revolution: How a Revolution Transformed a Monarchical Society into a Democratic One Unlike Any That Had Ever Existed***
27. **Gordon S. Wood, *The Creation of the American Republic, 1776-1787***

The New Republic

The Early Republic

28. **Bushman, Richard, *The Refinement of America: Persons, Houses, Cities***
29. **Clarke, Christopher. *The Roots of Rural Capitalism, 1780-1860.***
30. **Joanne Freeman, *Affairs of Honor: National Politics in the New Republic.***
31. **Gilje, Boydston, Clark and Egerton, *Wages of Independence: Capitalism in the Early American Republic.***

32. **Gordon S. Wood, *Empire of Liberty: A History of the Early Republic, 1789-1815***
33. **Sean Wilentz, *Chants Democratic: New York City and the Rise of the American Working Class, 1788-1850***
34. **Sean Wilentz, *The Rise of American Democracy: Jefferson to Lincoln***
35. **Nancy Cott, *The Bonds of Womanhood: "Woman's Sphere" in New England, 1780-1835***
36. **Boydston, Jeanne, *Home and Work: Housework, Wages, and Ideology of Labor in the Early Republic***

Jacksonian and Antebellum America: Political Histories

37. **Sellers, Charles. *The Market Revolution: Jacksonian America, 1815-1846.***
38. **Howe, Daniel Walker. *The Political Culture of the American Whigs.***
39. **Watson, Harry. *Liberty and Power: The Politics of Jacksonian America.***
40. **William Freehling, *Prelude to the Civil War: The Nullification Controversy in South Carolina, 1816-1836***
41. **David Walker Howe, *What Hath God Wrought: The Transformation of America, 1815-1848***
42. **Wallace, Anthony F. C. *The Long Bitter Trail: Andrew Jackson and the Indians.***

Culture, Class, Religion and Reform

43. **Mintz, Stephen, *Moralists and Modernizers***
44. **Haltunnen, Karen. *Confidence Men and Painted Women: A Study of Middle Class Culture in America, 1830-1870.***
45. **Nathan Hatch, *The Democratization of American Christianity***
46. **Butler, Jon. *Awash in a Sea of Faith: Christianizing the American People.***
47. **Heyrman, Christine. *Southern Cross: The Beginnings of the Bible Belt.***
48. **Cross, Whitney. *The Burned-Over District: The Social and Intellectual History of Enthusiastic Religion in Western New York, 1800-1850.***
49. **Stuart Blumin, *The Emergence of the Middle Class: Social Experience in the American City, 1760-1800.***
50. **Mary Ryan, *The Cradle of the Middle Class***
51. **Paul E. Johnson, *A Shopkeeper's Millenium: Society and Revivals in Rochester, New York, 1815-1837***
52. **Johnson, Paul E. *Sam Patch, the Famous Jumper.***
53. **Lori Ginzberg, *Women and the Work of Benevolence: Morality, Politics, and Class in the Nineteenth Century United States***

54. **Carroll Smith-Rosenberg, *Disorderly Conduct: Visions of Gender in Victorian America***
55. **Levine, Lawrence. *Black Culture and Black Consciousness: Afro-American Folk Thought from Slavery to Freedom.***
56. **Dorsey, Bruce. *Reforming Men and Women: Gender in the Antebellum City.***
57. **Newman, Richard. *The Transformation of American Abolitionism.***

Westward Expansion

58. **Faragher, John. *Sugar Creek: Life on the Illinois Prairie***
59. **Faragher, John. *Women and Men on the Overland Trail.***
60. **Woodworth, Steven. *Manifest Destinies: America's Westward Expansion and the Road to the Civil War.***

The Creation of a Slave South and a Free North

61. **Genovese, Eugene. *Roll, Jordan, Roll: The World the Slaves Made.***
62. **Brown, Bertram Wyatt. *Southern Honor: Ethics and Behavior in the Old South.***
63. **Oakes, James. *The Ruling Race: A History of American Slaveholders.***
64. **Johnson, Walter. *Soul by Soul.***
65. **Greenberg, Kenneth. *Honor & Slavery.***
66. **Genovese, Elizabeth. *Within the Plantation Household: Black and White Women of the Old South.***
67. **Melish, Joanne. *Disowning Slavery: Gradual Emancipation and Race in New England, 1780-1860.***

The Civil War and Reconstruction

68. **McPherson, James. *The Battle Cry of Freedom.***
69. **Foner, Eric. *Free Soil, Free Labor, Free Man: The Ideological of the Republican Party Before the Civil.***
70. **Foner, Eric. *A Short History of Reconstruction.***
71. **Edwards, Laura. *Gendered Strife and Confusion: The Political Culture of Reconstruction.***

The Gilded Age

Late 19th c. - Early 20th c. : Imperialism, Western Expansion, Labor, and Progressivism

72. **Gail Bederman, *Manliness and Civilization***
73. **Kasson, John T. *Houdini, Tarzan, and the Perfect Man: The White Male Body and the Challenge of Modernity in America.***
74. **William Cronon, *Nature's Metropolis: Chicago and the Great West.***

75. **Robert McMath, Jr. *American Populism: A Social History, 1877-1898***
76. **David Montgomery, *Fall of the House of Labor* (read the RAH review)**
77. **Hoganson, Kristin. *Fighting for American Manhood: How Gender Politics Provoked the Spanish-American and Philippine-American Wars.***
78. **Dawley, Alan. *Struggles for Justice: Social Responsibility and the Liberal State.***
79. **Painter, Nell Irvin. *Standing at Armageddon: A Grassroots History of the Progressive Era.***
80. **Rotundo, E. Anthony. *American Manhood***
81. **John W. Chambers II, *The Tyranny of Change: American in the Progressive Era, 1896-1920***
82. Glenda Gilmore, *Who Were the Progressives?* (ebook Google)
83. **Daniel T. Rogers, *Atlantic Crossings: Social Politics in a Progressive Age* (ebook)**

The New South (review this section w/ reviews &etc)

84. **Joel Williamson, *A Crucible of Race: Black-White Relations in the American South since Emancipation***
85. **Woodward, C. Vann. *The Origins of the New South.***
86. **William Link, *The Paradox of Southern Progressivism, 1880-1930***
87. **Glenda Gilmore, *Gender and Jim Crow: Women and the Politics of White Supremacy in North Carolina, 1896-1920***

Race, Ethnicity and Immigration

88. John Bodnar, *The Transplanted: A History of Immigrants in Urban America*
89. **Matthew Frye Jacobson, *Whiteness of a Different Color: European Immigrants and the Alchemy of Race***
90. **David Roediger, *The Wages of Whiteness***

The West

91. **Richard Utley, *The Indian Frontier of the American West***
92. **Gerald Nash, *Creating the West: Historical Interpretations, 1890-1990***
93. Faragher and Hine, *Frontiers: A Short History of the American West*
94. **Brown, Dee. *Bury My Heart at Wounded Knee.***

Diplomacy, Foreign Relations, and World War I (combine w/ next section)

95. **Kennedy, *Over Here* (ebook UBLib)**
96. **Frank Costigliola, *Awkward Dominion: American Political,***

Economic, and Cultural Relations with Europe, 1919-1933

97. **Ronald Schaeffer, *America in the Great War***
98. **N. Gordon Levin, *Woodrow Wilson and World Politics: America's Response to War and Revolution. (ebook thru UBLibs)***

Society and Culture

99. **Kathy Peiss, *Cheap Amusements: Working Women and Leisure in Turn-of-the-Century New York***
100. **George Chauncey, *Gay New York: Gender, Urban Culture, and the Making of the Gay World, 1890-1940 (ebook thru UBLib)***
101. **May, Lary. *Screening the Past: The Birth of Mass Culture and the Motion Picture.***

The Great Depression and World War II

102. **Robert McElvaine, *The Great Depression: America, 1929-1941***
103. Alan Brinkley, *The End of Reform: New Deal Liberalism in Recession and War*
104. **Lizabeth Cohen, *Making a New Deal: Industrial Workers in Chicago, 1919-1939***
105. William Leuchtenburg, *Franklin D. Roosevelt and the New Deal, 1932-1940*
106. **David Kennedy, *Freedom from Fear (ebook UBLib)***

Cold War America: Conformity, Consumerism, Dissent and Protest (Cut some of these?)

107. **Robert J. McMahon, *The Cold War: A Very Short Introduction (google ebook)***
108. **Richard M. Fried, *Nightmare in Red: The McCarthy Era in Perspective (google ebook)***
109. **Allan M. Winkler, *Life Under a Cloud: American Anxiety about the Atom (google ebook)***
110. William Van DeBurg, *New Day in Babylon: The Black Power Movement and American Culture, 1965-1975*
111. **David Garrow, *Bearing the Cross: Martin Luther King, Jr., and the Southern Christian Leadership Conference***
112. **Ruth Rosen, *The World Split Open: How the Modern Women's Movement Changed America***
113. **Todd Gitlin, *The Sixties: Years of Hope, Days of Rage***