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**HISTORY 20210: America Through the Civil War**

**Term:** Spring Evening 1999  
**Location:** Schofield Barracks, Bldg. 560  
**Time:** Saturdays 1230-1640  
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**Course Description:** *Survey of U.S. history to 1877.*

**Course Objectives:** *To learn to identify and understand major events and issues in U.S. history, as well as to be able to determine their relevance to modern American society and contemporary issues.*

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**Required Text:** Gary Nash *et al.*, The American People: Creating a Nation and a Society (Volume I: To 1877)

**Course Requirements:** Regular attendance; participation in class discussions and activities; weekly reading assignments; one film analysis (3-5 pp.); mid-term exam (consisting of identification questions and essay questions); final exam (same format as mid-term).

**Grading:** Attendance and participation: 25%  
Mid-term exam: 25%  
Film analysis: 25%  
Final exam: 25%

**Grading Scale:** 90-100% = A+ (*Outstanding scholarship & an unusual degree of intellectual initiative*)  
80-90% = A (*Superior work done in a consistent & intellectual manner*)  
70-80% = B (*Average work indicating a competent grasp of subject matter*)  
60-70% = C (*Inferior work of the lowest passing grade*)  
50-60% = D (*Failed to grasp the minimum subject matter; no credit given*)  
< 50% = F

**Absences:** To avoid losing marks for attendance, please contact the instructor in advance if you must miss a class. A make-up assignment will be provided.

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## COURSE SCHEDULE

- April 10th:** Introduction  
Converging Worlds: America, Africa & Europe (Ch. 1)
- April 17th:** Ch. 2: Colonizing North America  
Ch. 3: Controlling the New Environment (slavery; administration of the colonies; colonial wars)
- April 24th:** Ch. 4: "The Maturing of Colonial Society" (the developing social & political structure of the colonies, approx. 1700-1750)  
Ch. 5: "Bursting the Colonial Bonds" (Seven Years' War; conflict with England; steps leading to revolution)
- May 1st:** Ch. 6: The American Revolution, 1775-1783  
Ch. 7: "Consolidating the Revolution"
- May 8th:** Ch. 8: Creating a Nation  
Ch. 9: The Early Republic (approx. 1800-1825) (War of 1812; Indian Policy)
- May 15th:** **MID-TERM EXAM!**  
Ch. 10: The Northeast & the Northwest (growth of cities & manufacturing)
- May 22nd:** Ch. 11: "The Peculiar Institution": Slavery and the Old South  
Ch. 12: "Perfecting America" (political, social & religious reform)
- May 29th:** Ch. 13: Moving West (Manifest Destiny; the Mexican War; the Gold Rush)  
Ch. 14: "The Union in Peril": Steps leading to secession & Civil War)
- June 5th:** **FILM ANALYSIS DUE!**  
Ch. 15: "The Union Severed": The Civil War, 1861-1865  
Ch. 16: "The Union Reconstructed"
- June 12th:** **FINAL EXAM!**