

The dates for the six discussion sessions and four written examinations—i.e., Exam I, Exam II, Make-up/*Optional Exam*, and Final Exam—shown in the shaded boxes on this syllabus are fixed and firm. They will not change. Therefore, you should complete the assigned readings for each discussion session by the dates indicated and be present and prepared to take the exams on the dates indicated.

The dates shown for the lecture topics, however, are targets or goals for when those topics will be taken up in class and may not be adhered to exactly. The textbook chapters, the chapters from Hofstadter's *American Political Tradition*, and the selections from the *Primis* collection of documents that are listed beneath each of the lecture topics deal in general with the subject matter to be taken up in the lectures on those topics and should be read by the target dates.

Some assigned readings will be listed two times: once under the title of a lecture topic, where it is most appropriate, and again as one of the selections to be considered in a discussion session. Don't let the double listing confuse you. Read those selections at least once, but twice if you need to.

## **PART ONE:**

### **ORIGINS AND DEVELOPMENT OF AMERICAN CULTURE, 1600-1850**

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<b>Preview</b>	<b>Administration and Introduction</b> • Tindall and Shi, <i>America</i> , Contents, Preface, and chapter 1	<b>Mon, 24 Sep – Wed, 26 Aug</b>
<b>Topic I</b>	<b>American Sense of Mission</b> • Tindall and Shi, <i>America</i> , chapter 2 • Selection from <i>Primis</i> collection of documents: • 1630: John Winthrop's Model of Christian Charity, pp. 1-4	<b>Fri, 28 Aug</b>
<b>Topic II</b>	<b>Evangelical Revivalistic Protestantism</b> • Tindall and Shi, <i>America</i> , chapter 3 • Selection from <i>Primis</i> collection of documents: • 1741: Jonathan Edwards, "The Punishment of the Wicked," pp. 5-6 • 1801 – 1805: Autobiography of Peter Cartwright, the Backwoods Preacher, pp. 39-41	<b>Mon, 31 Aug</b>
<b>Topic IIIA</b>	<b>Localism and Nationalism</b> • Tindall and Shi, <i>America</i> , chapters 4 and 5 • Selection from <i>Primis</i> collection of documents: • 1765: Resolutions of the Stamp Act Congress, pp. 7-8 • March 5, 1770: Two Accounts of the Boston Massacre, pp. 9-13	<b>Wed, 2 Sep – Wed, 9 Sep</b>

**Discussion Session #1 [See separate handout for study questions] Friday, 11 September**

- Edmund S. Morgan, *The Puritan Dilemma: The Story of John Winthrop*
- Selection from *Primis* collection of documents: [What does it say? What does it mean? Why does it matter?]
  - 1630: John Winthrop's Model of Christian Charity, pp. 1-4
  - 1741: Jonathan Edwards, "The Punishment of the Wicked," pp. 5-6

**Topic IIIB From Revolution to "A More Perfect Union" Mon, 14 Sep – Mon, 21 Sep**

- Tindall and Shi, *America*, chapters 6, 7 and, in the appendix, ,
  - Declaration of Independence, pp. A47-A49
  - Articles of Confederation, pp. A50-A57
  - Constitution of the United States pp. A58-A69
  - Bill of Rights, pp. A69-A71
- Hofstadter, *American Political Tradition*, chapter on Founding Fathers
- Selections from *Primis* collection of documents:
  - October 14, 1774: Resolves of the Continental Congress, pp. 14-15
  - April 1775: British and American Versions of the Battle of Lexington, pp. 16-18
  - July 6, 1775: Congress Declares the "Necessity of Taking Up Arms," pp. 19-20
  - January 10, 1776: Thomas Paine, from *Common Sense*, pp. 21-22
  - June 2, 1776: The Resolution for Independence, p. 23
  - 1787: James Madison, from The Federalist Number 10, pp. 24-27
  - 1788: Patrick Henry on the Proposed Constitution, pp. 28-29

**Discussion Session #2 [See separate handout for study questions] Friday, 25 September**

- Hofstadter, *American Political Tradition*: "Introduction" and chapter on Founding Fathers
- Selections from *Primis*: [What does it say? What does it mean? Why does it matter?]
  - 1765: Resolutions of the Stamp Act Congress, pp. 7-8
  - October 14, 1774: Resolves of the Continental Congress, pp. 14-15
  - July 6, 1775: Congress Declares the "Necessity of Taking Up Arms," pp. 19-20
  - 1787: James Madison, from The Federalist Number 10, pp. 24-27
- Selections from Tindall and Shi, *America*:
  - The Declaration of Independence, appendix pp. A47-A49
  - Articles of Confederation: Arts. II, V, VIII, XIII, appendix pp. A50-A57
  - The Constitution of the United States and Bill of Rights, appendix pp. A58-A71

**EXAM I Friday, 2 October**

On all material covered in Topic I through Topic IIIB and in Discussion Sessions #1 and #2.

27 multiple-choice problems (3 points each) and 1 essay problem (25 points). Maximum score = 106.

Exam blue books and answer sheets will be returned in class on Monday, 8 October.

**Topic IV      Hamiltonianism and Jeffersonianism      Wed, 23 Sep – Mon, 5 Oct**

- Tindall and Shi, *America*, chapters 8 and 9
- Hofstadter, *American Political Tradition*, chapter on Thomas Jefferson
- Selections from *Primis*:
  - 1785: Excerpts on Education, from Thomas Jefferson's *Notes on Virginia*, pp. 37-38
  - 1786: Virginia Statute for Establishing Religious Freedom, pp. 117-118
  - 1791: Letter from Jefferson to Washington on Constitutionality of the Bank, pp. 30-32
  - June 25 and July 14, 1798: The Alien Act; The Sedition Act, pp. 33-34
  - November 16, 1798: The Kentucky Resolutions, pp. 35-36
  - March 1, 1801: Thomas Jefferson's First Inaugural Address, pp. 42-44
  - February 24, 1803: *Marbury v. Madison*: Chief Justice Marshall for the Supreme Court, pp. 45-47
  - August 12, 1803: Thomas Jefferson, Letter to John Breckenridge on the Louisiana Purchase, pp. 48-49
  - 1803: Senator White, Speech Opposing the Louisiana Purchase, pp. 50-51
  - March 7, 1819: John Marshall, *McCulloch v. Maryland*, pp. 56-58

**Topic V      Idealism and Realism in American Foreign Policy      Wed, 7 Oct – Fri, 9 Oct**

- Tindall and Shi, *America*, appropriate portions of chapters 7, 8, 9, and 10
- Selections from *Primis*
  - June 14, 1812: James Madison, War Message to Congress, pp. 52-53
  - January 1815: Report and Resolutions of the Hartford Convention, pp. 54-55
  - 1823: The Monroe Doctrine, pp. 113-114

**Topic VI      Democracy and Individualism      Mon, 12 Oct – Wed, 14 Oct**

- Tindall and Shi, *America*, chapters 10 and 11
- Hofstadter, *American Political Tradition*, chapter on Andrew Jackson
- Selection from *Primis*:
  - July 10, 1832: Andrew Jackson, Bank Veto Message, pp. 59-60
  - July 11, 1832: Daniel Webster, Reply to Jackson's Veto Message, pp. 61-62
  - February 14, 1837: Chief Justice Taney, *Charles River Bridge v. Warren Bridge*, pp. 63-64