

Welcome to History 120 - United States History to 1877

Winter 2015, CRN 15099, 3 Units

Class Dates: January 6 to February 6, 2015, Online Class

There is a mandatory face to face orientation for this class on January 6, 2015 from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. in Room 204. If you do not show up to this orientation, you will be dropped from the class. The only exception to this rule is if you contact me through email before the Orientation and you have a valid reason for missing the Orientation. There are many students waiting to get into this class, so be courteous and drop yourself from the class as soon as possible if you decide not to stay in the class. Attending the Orientation is a helpful step for you to succeed in the class. The only way to add this class is to come to the Orientation.

If you cannot come to the Orientation and do not complete the Module 1 tasks by the first due date, you will be dropped.

Blackboard website: <https://imperial.blackboard.com/> Please bookmark this site.

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Note: expect a response to questions within 24-48 hours.

Class Dates/Tmes: Online only except for Final Exam on campus: **February 6, 2015**

No office hours during Winter session

The fastest way to reach me is by email.

If you email me, please put "**History 120 Online**" in the **subject line** of the email. **Don't forget to put your name inside the email**, especially since many of your email addresses do not identify who you are. If you would like to talk with me over the phone, please make sure to speak slowly, loudly, and clearly, and make sure you give me your name and phone number so I can call you back.

If you are adding the course, you must use the add authorization number I gave you and **add immediately in order to have access to Blackboard**. It should take no more than 4 hours for you to be able to log on to Blackboard. You cannot afford to get behind in this class, so the sooner the better. The first module is due on January 8 at 11:59 p.m. No adds accepted after **January 8, 2015**.

Please print out this page and the Course Schedule in the Syllabus tool for future reference.

COURSE DESCRIPTION AND OBJECTIVES

History 120 is a survey of American history from the pre-Columbus era to the end of Reconstruction. This course will cover the major political, economic, social, gender, racial, cultural, and intellectual transformations of the colonial and early American eras. At the conclusion of the course, students will have a broad understanding of the most important ideas, personalities, movements, and events in the colonial era and early republic, the antebellum period, and the Civil War and its aftermath. Students will gain skills in analytical thinking, reading, and writing, and learn to analyze and interpret primary and secondary sources of history.

Expected Student Learning Outcomes:

Upon course completion, the successful student will have acquired new skills, knowledge, and or attitudes as demonstrated by being able to:

- (1) Identify and recall key information from a historical text and/or documentary film; (ILO1)
- (2) Describe the causes and/or impact of a historical event; (ILO1, ILO2) and
- (3) Explain and analyze the key information contained in a primary source document. (ILO1, ILO2)

Specific Course Objectives:

1. Describe the peoples and cultures existing in North America before European contact;
2. Describe European exploration of North America and early colonization efforts;
3. Describe the British colonies of North America and explain the role of the colonies within the British empire.
4. Discuss and analyze labor relations, indentured servants and slavery in British North America;
5. Understand colonial-Native American and U.S.-Native American relations;
6. Understand the factors that led to the American Revolution and the key events, personalities and effects of the Revolutionary War;
7. Understand how the American political and legal system was created and how it functioned in the early national period;
8. Identify important political trends and figures and the rise of political parties in ante-bellum America;
9. Understand U.S. foreign policy before 1877;

10. Explain the evolution of the market economy of the nineteenth century;
11. Explain how technology shaped culture, social arrangements, leisure, family life, and work;
12. Understand how immigrants impacted society, politics and culture;
13. Explain the status of women before 1877;
14. Understand the role of sectionalism in early American history;
15. Describe how religion impacted society, intellectual currents, and political thought;
16. Analyze Westward expansion, Manifest Destiny and the Mexican-American War;
17. Discuss the major factors that led to the Civil War and the key events and personalities of that war;
18. Understand the significance of the Civil War on society, race relations, economics, and politics;
19. Describe the process of post-Civil War Reconstruction and the challenges and opportunities faced by the nation and people until 1877.

WARNING:

If this is your first online course, I want to dispel any notion you might have that this class will be easier than if you took an on-campus course. You will be earning the same number of units as an on-campus course and you will therefore be required to complete the same amount of work. Specifically, this class will require from 10 to 12 hours of your time each week, including the reading, writing, and online activities required. If you are not prepared to spend the proper amount of time on the course, you might want to rethink taking this course. I am not trying to scare you away, only prepare you for what lay ahead. You will need to be very disciplined and **keep up on the work because the module assignments will be due on a certain date and you won't be able to submit work after the deadline, and if you get behind, your ability to successfully pass the course will diminish.** In addition, working on your assignments at the last minute will not allow you to do your best work and that will affect your grade.

Blackboard Help

IVC Distance Education Support: Please seek help from the [Blackboard Help Desk](#) online or call **the Help Desk at 1-855-532-6983** if you are having problems logging into your courses or can't get a technical function inside Blackboard to work before contacting your instructor. If you want information about your grades or an explanation about an assignment in the class, contact your instructor.

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Required Textbooks

Out of Many, Vol. 1, Brief 6th Edition, John Mack Faragher, et al., 2012
ISBN 9780205010639

You can purchase or rent your book at the IVC bookstore on campus. Be careful if you go to the campus bookstore that you **pick up the correct volume number of the book**. (We are using Volume 1, NOT Volume 2 for this class.) **WARNING: If you order your books online, please do so well in advance of the start of school. You cannot afford to wait for your books. If you are waiting for your books, you can go to the IVC library and read the books there, just ask for Wainwright reserves for History 120 at the front desk.** Late assignments will not be accepted just because you couldn't get your books.

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Course Requirements & Format

Modules

This class is divided into **14 modules**. Each module contains various activities and tasks. All of the modules will be accessible from the Course Menu under "**Modules**." See the **Course Schedule (in Syllabus) for the tasks required and the due dates**. You must start each module by reading the material contained in the Modules.

On the due date of each module, the assignments, discussions, and quizzes required in that module will close and cease to be accessible, so don't get behind. You will still be able to see the modules throughout the semester for review. This strict schedule is necessary to keep you on track in the course. Students who get behind in their coursework often end up failing the course as a result.

READING ASSIGNMENTS:

Your textbook:

1. *Out of Many*, John Mack Faragher, et al., Vol. 1, Brief Sixth Edition, 2012

(This book will be referred to as ***Out of Many*** in the modules & course schedule.)

This is your basic textbook for the course and contains all the factual information, names, dates, description of events, etc. The multiple-choice questions contained in both the quizzes and the exams will come straight out of this book, so read and study it carefully.

Course Resources:

Click the Resources link, and you will find folders with Chapter Study Guides and Lecture Outlines. (These will be referred to as "Wainwright" in the Course Schedule.) Each **Study Guide and Lecture Outline** contains focus questions, key terms you should learn from your reading, and outlines of each of the **Out of Many** chapters to help you focus on the important issues. Using the outlines and study guides will increase the efficiency of your reading and hopefully improve your performance on the exams.

There are also PowerPoint Presentations for each chapter contained in the Module folders.

There are also additional readings called primary source documents. Both the PowerPoints and primary source documents will be located in the Modules folders. Most resources are in Adobe Acrobat format, so you will need to download the Adobe Acrobat reader to your computer in order to open these resources. **The Lecture Outlines in the Resources link contain the same information as the Powerpoint Presentations (in the Modules), but contain only text without the images, so you do not have to review both of these. Pick the version that best fits your needs.**

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Written Assignments

There are a total of ten written assignments contained throughout the modules. These assignments focus on the most important issues in each module. Each assignment will be worth 20 points except the first assignment. It is the **quality** of what you write versus the quantity that will be graded but each assignment must be as long as necessary to answer the question(s). These questions will appear in the module with lecture material. The best way to proceed through the modules is to start with reading the Lecture materials before reading your textbook and know what questions you have to answer so that you can be looking for material to answer the questions while you are reading your books, documents, etc. Then go to **Assignments** and complete the assignment. **The questions I ask cannot be answered by looking at one paragraph or even one page in the book. You should also use the PowerPoint presentation or the lecture outline in the Resource tool to make sure you have all of the answer.** Sometimes, the information necessary to answer the question is not all in the textbook.

Grading:

In my experience, the most common problem students experience is not being detailed enough in their answers. Always be as specific as you can and use examples from your readings. Make sure to answer all parts of the question. If you use material from outside sources (like websites), make sure to cite your source in your assignment response. **All assignment questions should be primarily answered using your textbook first, as well as the Powerpoints and module lectures and primary source documents. You will lose points if you only use websites for information.** Points will be deducted for inadequate responses. **I have included a grading rubric for assignments in the Resources area. Please use this as a guide to how assignments will be graded.**

I will give you feedback on these assignments when I grade them, so make sure to review my comments and hopefully you will improve your writing as you proceed through the course.

All the assignments should be submitted using the **Assignments Tool**. Please type all your assignments in a word processing program, save them on your computer, and then copy and paste into the Assignment tool. You can type directly into the Assignment tool, but if you have any technical problems, you could lose your work. By keeping a copy on your own computer you can always prove that you did it and resubmit. Click the "Write submission" button, then paste or type your work. Do not type in the "comments" box in the Assignment tool.

Your Assignment will be completed only when you click on the "Submit" button. If the due date passes, the system will auto-finish the Assignment for you, (I think) with everything that you have completed up to that point. **If for some reason you are having a problem submitting your assignment through the Blackboard assignment tool,** you can send it to me by email, as long as it is before the due date. (Only do this in an emergency.)

If you chose to submit your work as an attachment, make sure it is in MS Word, or a text file. Make sure to check to see that the assignment tool says "submitted" before the due date, or your work will not be graded. Because of the condensed time frame of this session, I will give a two day grace period before closing off assignment submittals, but it will be marked late and lose 5 points per day it is late. **The only thing I accept late are written assignments, not quizzes and discussions. If you miss the quiz or the discussion, that's it. I also don't want you to be late on the assignments very often. Once or twice during the session because things happen is okay, and you still lose points. But if you are always late, you will probably not pass the course because you will be losing too many points. If this is unclear, let me know.**

Discussions:

All class discussions will take place in the **Discussion board**. These discussions will be worth 10-15 points each. Discussions will center around a question posed by your instructor in the Discussion forum for a particular module. These questions will primarily ask for your opinion and there will not be a "right or wrong" answer. Discussions will lock and no response can be posted after the due date.

Your discussion response will be graded on whether it is a well thought out response, that it is clear from your response that you did the reading, and that your opinion is based on evidence from your readings. Don't try to respond to a discussion question if you haven't done the reading, because it will be very obvious and you will not get credit for that discussion. A good guideline to follow is that you need a **minimum of at least five good sentences** to get full credit for the discussion, otherwise points will be deducted. A "good" sentence is longer than a few words and actually says something that answers the questions. A grading rubric for Discussions is also posted under Resources.

Obviously you will be writing throughout this class, either through the assignments or in the discussions. You should take care to present polished work. This includes checking your spelling and grammar. (Spell check alone is not enough. You must also proofread because spell check cannot catch many different types of errors.) Proper capitalization should also be used. (this is the biggest problem I see) If your assignments contain a lot of grammar and spelling mistakes or I can't understand what you are trying to say, I will deduct points.

Late Assignments:

All tasks for each module are to be completed and submitted by the due date indicated for that module. **Late written assignments will be accepted for during the two day grace period following the due date, but be assessed a penalty of 5 points. The Quizzes and Discussions must be completed on time because you won't be able to access these after the due date of that particular module.** No exceptions will be made on these deadlines, unless you contact me and have a very good, documented reason for needing more time.

Grading Criteria:

The total points available for the course is 585 points. There is no extra credit available in this course, so don't ask.

Assignments = 190 points (Each assignment is worth **20 points**, except the first assignment which is worth only 10 points/10 assignments)

Discussions = 115 points (Each discussion is worth **10-15 points/11 discussions**)

Quizzes = 180 points (Each module contains a multiple-choice quiz. These quizzes are intended to help you review the material. The quizzes will open at the beginning of the module and close on the due date of the module. **No late quizzes allowed.** You have two attempts on each quiz, but only the highest score will be used in your class grade. There are fourteen quizzes. I do not give you the answers to the quizzes because they are open book quizzes, but after the due date of the module, it will show you which questions you missed.

Final Exam = 100 Points

The Final Exam will take place on the Imperial Valley College campus. The date, time and location for the final exam is listed in the Course Schedule and below. **A photo ID, a scantron (100 count) and a No. 2 pencil must be brought to the final exam.** (Scantrons can be purchased in the college bookstore.)

No make-up exam will be given unless you have a very good reason, provide documentation supporting your reason, and make arrangements with the instructor **before the exam.** Any uncoordinated, unexcused, missed exam will result in a score of " 0" . All students must take the final exam or the course grade will drop one full grade.

A study guide for the Final Exam will be provided the week before the exam, but you can also use the Study Guides provided for each chapter to start preparing for the exam. The exam will consist of multiple-choice questions. **A discussion forum will be set up in the Discussion area for you to pose any questions you might have for the exam.**

Final Exam	Feb. 6, 2015 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. Room 204	<i>Out of Many, Chapters 1-17</i> Declaration of Independence and U.S. Constitution
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Course Grade: The course grade is based on total points accumulated during the semester. Grades are determined by dividing the total points you earn by the total points available to get your percentage. You can keep track of your grade in the "My Grades" section of Blackboard. It is also a good idea to keep track of your own grades outside Blackboard and let me know if you find any discrepancies in "My Grades" If you want to

verify your point total at any time during the course, please email me. I keep a hard copy of all grades in Excel. Final grade is based on the following percentages:

90-100% = A, 80-89% = B, 70-79% = C, 60-69% = D, below 60% = F

ATTENDANCE RULES AND WITHDRAWAL FROM THE CLASS:

A student who fails to complete the first mandatory activities (Module 1) of an online class will be dropped by the instructor. Should readmission be desired, the student's status will be the same as that of any other student who desires to add a class. It is the student's responsibility to drop or officially withdraw from the class. See the IVC General Catalog for details.

Regular attendance in all classes is expected of all students. Students who fail to complete all required activities for two consecutive modules may be considered to have excessive absences and may be dropped.

You must be an active participant in the class. You cannot just take quizzes. You must do the written assignments to be considered active in the class.

The last day to drop the course with a "W" is January 29, 2015.

Online Classroom Netiquette

Netiquette, as you probably know, is a combination of the words "network" and "etiquette." Basically, it describes things you should and shouldn't do while communicating with other people online. This is especially important in an online classroom environment. Here are some examples: (1) identify yourself, (2) include a subject line, (3) avoid sarcasm, (4) respect others' opinions and privacy, (5) acknowledge and return messages promptly, (6) copy with caution, (7) do not spam or junk mail, (8) be concise, (9) use appropriate language, no profanity, (10) use appropriate emoticons (emotional icons) to help convey meaning, and (11) use appropriate intensifiers to help convey meaning [do not use ALL CAPS or multiple exclamation marks (!!!)], Don't forget to Capitalize proper nouns, titles, etc.

[Click here to learn more about Netiquette.](#) This link takes you to the Core Rules of Netiquette, as excerpted from the book Netiquette by Virginia Shea. (courtesy of Albion.com).

Overall, please be courteous to me and to your classmates. Working within a safe, friendly learning environment will be beneficial to everyone. If you see postings that are inappropriate, please bring them to my attention, and I will deal with the situation.

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Academic Honesty :

Academic honesty in the advancement of knowledge requires that all students and instructors respect the integrity of one another's work and recognize the importance of acknowledging and safeguarding intellectual property.

There are many different forms of academic dishonesty. The following kinds of honesty violations and their definitions are not meant to be exhaustive. Rather, they are intended to serve as examples of unacceptable academic conduct.

Plagiarism is taking and presenting as one's own, the writings or ideas of others, without citing the source. This includes copying and pasting from any source on the Internet. You should understand the concept of plagiarism and keep it in mind when taking exams and preparing written materials. If you do not understand how to correctly "cite a source," you must ask for help.

Cheating is defined as fraud, deceit, or dishonesty in an academic assignment or using or attempting to use materials, or assisting others in using materials that are prohibited or inappropriate in the context of the academic assignment in question. Acts of cheating include, but are not limited to the following:

- plagiarism;
- copying or attempting to copy from others during an examination or on an assignment;
- communicating test information with another person during an examination;
- allowing others to do an assignment or portion of an assignment; and
- use of a commercial term paper service.

Anyone whom I determine to have cheated will receive a zero (0) score on the exam or assignment (no make-up on that assignment will be allowed) and the instructor may report the incident to the Campus Disciplinary Officer, who may place related documentation in a file. Repeated acts of cheating may result in an "F" in the course and/or disciplinary action. Please refer to the IVC General Catalog for more information on academic dishonesty or other misconduct.

BE FOREWARNED.

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OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

Additional Help:

During Wintersession, there are no office hours, but I am glad to make arrangements to speak with you over the phone or through email to discuss any problems, questions, or concerns about the course. Do not call my office because I will not be on campus during winter session. Please use email to communicate with me. During the week, I try and respond within 24-48 hours.

- **Blackboard Support Site:** The Blackboard Support Site provides a variety of support channels available to students 24 hours a day.
- **Learning Services:** There are several learning labs on campus to assist students through the use of computers and tutors. Please consult your campus map for the Math Lab; Reading, Writing & Language Labs; and the Study Skills Center.
- **Library Services:** There is more to our library than just books. You have access to tutors in the Study Skills Center, study rooms for small groups, and online access a wealth of resources.

Disabled Student Programs and Services (DSPS)

Any student with a documented disability who may need educational accommodations should notify the instructor or the [Disabled Student Programs and Services](#) (DSP&S) office as soon as possible. The DSP&S office is located in Building 2100, telephone 760-355-6313. Please contact DSPS if you feel you need to be evaluated for educational accommodations.

If you are a disabled student and need special accommodations, please let me know. I have made every effort to ensure that this course is accessible to all students, including students with disabilities. If you encounter a problem accessing any portion of this course, please contact me immediately.

Student Counseling and Health Services:

Students have counseling and health services available, provided by the pre-paid Student Health Fee.

Student Health Center: A Student Health Nurse is available on campus. In addition, Pioneers Memorial Healthcare District and El Centro Regional Center provide basic health services for students, such as first aid and care for minor illnesses. Contact the [IVC Student Health Center](#) at 760-355-6310 in Room 2109 for more information.

Mental Health Counseling Services: Short term individual, couples, family, and group therapy are provided to currently enrolled students. Contact the IVC Mental Health Counseling Services at 760-355-6196 in Room 2109 for more information.

Student Rights and Responsibilities:

Students have the right to experience a positive learning environment and due process of law. For more information regarding student rights and responsibilities please refer to the IVC General Catalog.

Information Literacy:

Imperial Valley College is dedicated to helping students skillfully discover, evaluate, and use information from all sources. The IVC Library Department provides numerous [Information Literacy Tutorials](#) to assist students in this endeavor.

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Downloads

In order to view certain multimedia elements on the Web, you need multimedia players. The most popular players are QuickTime, RealPlayer, Flash, and Shockwave, and they are all freely downloadable.

- [Get Adobe Acrobat Reader](#)
- [Get the QuickTime player](#)
- [Get RealPlayer](#)
- [Get Flash player](#)
- [Get Shockwave](#)

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This course ends on Feb. 6 at 11:59 p.m. You will not be able to enter the site after this deadline.

Course Schedule and Tasks

Modules	Assignments	Due Dates
Module 1	Working with Blackboard - Introductions (30 points) Tasks: Assignment, Discussion, Quiz	Due 1/8/15 at 11:59 p.m.
Module 2	Introduction to The Study of History/	Due 1/10/15 at 11:59 p.m.

	<p>A Continent of Villages (40 points)</p> <p>Reading Assignment: <i>Out of Many</i>, Chapter 1, Wainwright Chapter Lecture Outline 1;</p> <p>Tasks: Assignment, Discussion, Quiz</p>	
Module 3	<p>When Worlds Collide (35 points)</p> <p>Reading Assignment: <i>Out of Many</i>, Chapter 2 Primary Source Document (1) Wainwright Chapter Lecture Outline 2</p> <p>Tasks: Discussion, Quiz</p>	Due 1/12/15 at 11:59 p.m.
Module 4	<p>Planting Colonies in North America (30 points)</p> <p>Reading Assignment: <i>Out of Many</i>, Chapter 3 Primary Source Documents (2) Wainwright Chapter Lecture Outline 3</p> <p>Tasks: Assignment, Quiz</p>	Due 1/14/15 at 11:59 p.m.
Module 5	<p>Slavery and Empire and The Cultures of Colonial North America (40 points)</p> <p>Reading Assignment: <i>Out of Many</i>, Chapters 4 and 5 Primary Source Documents (2) Wainwright Chapter Lecture Outlines 4 and 5</p> <p>Tasks: Assignment, Discussion, Quiz</p>	Due 1/16/15 at 11:59 p.m.
Module 6	<p>From Empire to Independence (40 points)</p> <p>Reading Assignment: <i>Out of Many</i>, Chapter 6 <i>Declaration of Independence</i> (pp. A1- A2) Wainwright Chapter Lecture Outline 6</p> <p>Tasks: Assignment, Discussion, Quiz</p>	Due 1/18/15 at 11:59 p.m.
Module 7	<p>The American Revolution (30 points)</p> <p>Reading Assignment: <i>Out of Many</i>, Chapter 7 Articles of Confederation Wainwright Chapter Lecture Outline 7</p>	Due 1/20/15 at 11:59 p.m.

	Tasks: Assignment, Quiz	
Module 8	The New Nation (30 points) Reading Assignment: <i>Out of Many</i> , Chapter 8 <i>U.S. Constitution</i> (pp. A2-A10) Wainwright Chapter Lecture Outline 8 Tasks: Discussion, Quiz	Due 1/22/15 at 11:59 p.m.
Module 9	An Empire for Liberty & The Growth of Democracy (30 points) Reading Assignment: <i>Out of Many</i> , Chapters 9 and 11 Wainwright Chapter Lecture Outlines 9 and 11 Tasks: Discussion, Quiz	Due 1/24/15 at 11:59p.m.
Module 10	South & Slavery and Industry & the North (40 points) Reading Assignment: <i>Out of Many</i> , Chapters 10 and 12 Wainwright Chapter Lecture Outlines 10 and 12 Tasks: Assignment, Discussion, Quiz	Due 1/27/15 at 11:59 p.m.
	Last Day to Withdraw from the Class with a "W"	1/29/15
Module 11	Meeting the Challenges of the New Age (40 points) Reading Assignment: <i>Out of Many</i> , Chapter 13 Frederick Douglas Speech Declaration of Sentiments Wainwright Chapter Lecture Outline 13 Tasks: Assignment, Discussion, Quiz	Due 1/29/15 at 11:59 p.m.
Module 12	Territorial Expansion of the United States (40 points) Reading Assignment: <i>Out of Many</i> , Chapter 14 Wainwright Chapter Lecture Outline 14 Tasks: Assignment, Discussion, Quiz	Due 1/31/15 at 11:59 p.m.

<p>Module 13</p>	<p>The Coming Crisis, the 1850s (30 points)</p> <p>Reading Assignment: <i>Out of Many</i>, Chapter 15 Dred Scott Court Decision Lincoln's "House Divided" Speech Wainwright Chapter Lecture Outline 15</p> <p>Tasks: Assignment, Quiz</p>	<p>Due 2/2/15 at 11:59 p.m.</p>
<p>Module 14</p>	<p>The Civil War & Reconstruction (30 points)</p> <p>Reading Assignment: <i>Out of Many</i>, Chapters 16 and 17 Emancipation Proclamation Gettysburg Address Wainwright Chapter Lecture Outlines 16 and 17</p> <p>Tasks: Discussion, Quiz</p>	<p>Due 2/4/15 at 11:59 p.m.</p>
	<p>Final Exam Study Guide available 1/28/15 in Resources</p> <p>A photo ID, a scantron (100 count) and a No. 2 pencil must be brought to all exams.</p>	
<p>Final Exam on campus</p>	<p><i>Out of Many</i>, Chapters 1-17 <i>Declaration of Independence and U.S. Constitution</i> (100 points)</p>	<p>2/6/15 at 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Room 204</p>

Tentative schedule, subject to change without prior notice