

COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY
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History W3432x

THE UNITED STATES IN THE ERA OF CIVIL WAR
AND RECONSTRUCTION

Required Readings: All the readings below are required, and available in paperback. The list of books has been given to Labyrinth Books, 536 West 112th Street. All readings are also on reserve in the Butler reserve reading room.

Sections: In addition to the lectures, students are required to attend a weekly discussion section, directed by a graduate teaching assistant. The list of section hours and assignments will be arranged during the second week of classes.

Paper: Each student will write a paper of ten to twelve pages, comparing two works of history dealing with the same general subject. The paper is due in section during Week 14 of classes. A list of suggested books is available on the course website.

Graduate students are welcome to take the course for “R” credit, but not for “E” credit.

Week 1: (September 6): Introduction

Week 2: (September 11, 13): Origins of the Civil War: An Overview

Eugene Genovese, The Political Economy of Slavery, chs. 1, 6-8, 10

William E. Gienapp, ed., The Civil War and Reconstruction, pp. 14-16, 18-21

Week 3: (September 18, 20): The End of the Second Party System

Michael Holt, The Fate of Their Country

Gienapp, Civil War and Reconstruction, pp. 33-38

Week 4: (September 25, 27): Rise of the Republicans

Eric Foner, Free Soil, Free Labor, Free Men, preface, chs. 1-2, 4, 8-9
Gienapp, Civil War and Reconstruction, pp. 9-11, 41-46

Week 5: (October 2, 4): The Gathering Storm

Manisha Sinha, The Counterrevolution of Slavery, chs. 5, 7-8, epilogue
Gienapp, Civil War and Reconstruction, pp. 47-55

Week 6: (October 9, 11): The Crisis of the Union, 1860-61

Edward Ayers, In The Presence of Mine Enemies, Parts 1, 2
Gienapp, Civil War and Reconstruction, pp. 71-72, 76-77, 81-82

Week 7: (October 16, 18): The Coming of Emancipation

Ira Berlin, et al., ed., Slaves No More, ch. 1
Gienapp, Civil War and Reconstruction, pp. 103-04, 117-19, 124-26, 165-68

Week 8: (October 23, 25): The Confederate Experience

Drew Faust, Mothers of Invention, chs. 1-5, 11, epilogue
Gienapp, Civil War and Reconstruction, pp. 131-36, 140-42, 201-04

Week 9: (October 30): The Black Soldier

Ira Berlin, et al., Slaves No More, ch. 1
Gienapp, Civil War and Reconstruction, pp. 175-77, 185-87, 220-28

No ta section meetings this week

Midterm Examination: Wednesday, November 1

Week 10: (November 8): The End of the War

Melinda Lawson, Patriot Fires, Introduction, chs. 1-2, 5-6

Gienapp, Civil War and Reconstruction, pp. 177-78, 299-300, 311-12

No class on Monday, November 6

Week 11: (November 13, 15): Beginnings of Reconstruction

Leon Litwack, Been in the Storm So Long, chs. 5-8

Gienapp, Civil War and Reconstruction, pp. 233-34, 377-81

Week 12: (November 20, 22): Origins of Radical Reconstruction

Eric Foner, A Short History of Reconstruction, chs. 1-6

Ellen DuBois, Feminism and Suffrage, chs. 2-3, 6

Gienapp, Civil War and Reconstruction, pp. 325-27, 333-34, 339-42, 360-62

Week 13: (November 27, 29): Southern Republicans in Power

Foner, Short History of Reconstruction, chs. 7-9

Gienapp, Civil War and Reconstruction, pp. 362-75, 387-91

Week 14: (December 4, 6): The Overthrow of Reconstruction

Foner, Short History of Reconstruction, chs. 10-12, epilogue

Gienapp, Civil War and Reconstruction, pp. 393-417

Week 15: (December 11): New South and New Nation