U.S. Labor and Work before the End of Reconstruction

Fall 2019 Syllabus (Online Course)
Syllabus subject to change

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Please note: Make sure to read the Course Essentials in Canvas

COURSE OUTLINE

Week 1 (September 4) Discovery and First Contact

Columbus: The Four Voyages pp. 195-204
A Short Account of the Destruction of the Indies pp. 14-17

Video excerpt, Christopher Columbus and the Age of Discovery
Video: “Word Crimes”

Week 2 (September 11) Sources of Coerced Labor in the Colonies

Video: “Rockin’ English”
White Trash pp. 17-28

Week 3 (September 18) Servitude and Slavery in the Chesapeake Colonies

Forum I opens September 18
First comment for Forum I due by September 19 by 11:59 p.m.
Two replies to peers due by September 20 at 11:59 p.m.

Video: “Zombie Nouns”
American Colonies pp. 142-152
The Barbarous Years pp. 63-67; 71-77

Week 4 (September 25) Race and Class in the Virginia Colonies

Writing Assignment I Posted
Rough Draft due by October 9 at 11:59 p.m.
Peer Review due by October 10 at 11:59 p.m.
Final Draft due by October 11 at 11:59 p.m.
Video: “Editing Sentences”
Writing Resource: “The Writer’s Diet”

*American Colonies* pp. 153-157  
*The Barbarous Years* pp. 174-179  
*Jamestown: 1619* pp. 85-117

**Week 5 (October 2) Peer Review**

Peer Review due by October 10 at 11:59 p.m.  
Final Draft due by October 11 at 11:59 p.m.

**Week 6 (October 9) The Culture of Artisan Work**

Writing Assignment I Final Draft due by October 11 at 11:59 p.m.

*Tom Paine and Revolutionary America* pp. 28-39  
“The First Unions” pp. 23-30

**Week 7 (October 16) The Consolidation of Slavery in the South**

*Who Built America?* pp. 265-323

**Week 8 (October 23) The Changing Nature of Work**

Writing Assignment II Posted  
Rough Draft due by November 6 at 11:59 p.m.  
Peer Review due by November 7 at 11:59 p.m.  
Final Draft due by November 8 at 11:59 p.m.

Adam Smith, “Of the Division of Labor”  
Alexis de Tocqueville, “How an Aristocracy May Be Created by Manufactures”  
“Labor Strength in the 1830s” pp. 54-65

**Week 9 (October 30) The Worsening of Work**

Sean Wilentz, “Metropolitan Industrialization” pp. 108-119

**Week 10 (November 6)**

Rough Draft due by November 6 at 11:59 p.m.  
Peer Review due by November 7 at 11:59 p.m.  
Final Draft due by November 8 at 11:59 p.m.

**Week 11 (November 13) One Perspective on Industrialism and the American Worker**

Forum II opens November 6  
First comment for Forum II due by November 8 at 11:59 p.m.  
Two replies to peers due by November 10 at 11:59 p.m.

Video: “Slavery by another Name”

**Week 12 (November 20)** The Convict Leasing System in the South and the “Railroad Chinese” in the West

Writing Assignment III Posted
Rough Draft due by December 4 at 11:59 p.m.
Peer Review due by December 7 at 11:59 p.m.
Final Draft due by December 11, at 11:59 p.m.

*Slavery by another Name* pp. 53-65

**Week 13 (November 27)**

*Ghosts of Gold Mountain* pp. 1-13; 138-164; 209-236

**Week 14 (December 4)**

Rough Draft due by December 4 at 11:59 p.m.
Peer Review due by December 7 at 11:59 p.m.

**Week 15 (December 11)**

Final Draft due by December 11, at 11:59 p.m.