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

Summer 2020 Syllabus (Online Course)
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COURSE OUTLINE

Week 1 (May 27) Writing Assignments Overview and Policies; First Contact

_Columbus: The Four Voyages_ pp. 195-204
_A Short Account of the Destruction of the West Indies_ pp.

Video excerpt, _Christopher Columbus and the Age of Discovery_
Video: _Word Crimes_

Week 2 (June 3) Sources of Coerced Labor in the American Colonies

Writing Assignment I posted

Forum 1 first post due by Thursday, June 4, at 11:59PM
Two additional posts to peers due by Friday, June 5, 11:59PM

_White Trash_ pp. 17-28
_American Colonies_ pp. 142-157
_The Barbarous Years_ pp. 63-67; 71-77; 174-179

Video: “Rockin’ English”

Week 3 (June 10) Race and Class in the Virginia Colony

_1619: Jamestown_ pp. 85-117

Video: “Zombie Nouns”

Week 4 (June 17) Race and Class in the Virginia Colonies

Drafts are due by Wednesday, June 17, at 11:59PM
Peer Reviews are due by Friday, June 19, at 11:59PM
Final drafts are due by Saturday, June 20, at 11:59PM
Video: “Editing Sentences

Writing Resource: “The Writer’s Diet”

**Week 5 (June 24) The Culture of Artisan Work**

Writing Assignment II posted
*Tom Paine and Revolutionary America* pp. 28-39

**Week 6 (July 1) Two Competing Theories on the Changing Nature of Work**

Adam Smith, “Of the Division of Labor”
Alexis de Tocqueville, “How an Aristocracy May Be Created by Manufacturers”
“Metropolitan Industrialization” pp. 108-119

**Week 7 (July 8) Writing Assignment II Draft and Peer Review**

Drafts are due by Wednesday, July 8, at 11:59PM
Peer Reviews are due by Friday, July 10, at 11:59PM
Final Drafts are due by Saturday, July 11, at 11:50PM

**Week 8 (July 15) The Changing Nature of Work**

Forum 2 first post due by Thursday, July 16, at 11:59PM
Two additional posts to peers due by Friday, July 17, at 11:59PM

**Week 9 (July 22) One Perspective on Capitalism and American Workers**

Writing Assignment III posted

*How Capitalism Saved the Working Class* pp. 93-101

**Week 10 (July 29) Convict Laborers in the South and the “Railroad Chinese” in the West**

Slavery by Another Name pp. 51-98
Ghosts of Gold Mountain pp. 1-13; 138-164; 209-236

**Week 11 (August 5) Competing Perspectives of Industrialism and the American Worker**

Drafts are due by Wednesday, August 5, at 11:59PM
Peer Reviews are due by Friday, August 7, at 11:59PM
Final drafts are due by Saturday, August 8, at 11:59PM

**Week 12 (August 12)**

Course evaluations