

Course Syllabus: Spring 2017: History 5310: 001/Revolutionary America 1763-1800

WEB VERSION

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Course Objectives:

This course covers the history of the birth of the American Republic. We will study and learn the history of the origins, the course of, and the aftermath of the American Revolution as well as the forging of the American Constitution, and the first decade of the new Republic; 1788-1800, what is commonly referred to as the Federalist Era. This is a critical era in American history for obvious reasons, the rest of American history is built upon this foundation.

Course Requirements:

1. Write a two to three page review over each chapter of the corresponding book. The assignment is due on the date given.
2. Write a fifteen page research paper on a given topic covering the American Revolution. I must approve the topic. The paper should be double-spaced, twelve font, one inch margins and all notes and citations should use the Chicago Manual Style.
3. All assignments and papers should be sent through Blackboard.

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Students enrolled in distance education courses have equal access to the university's academic support services, library resources, and instructional technology support. For more information about accessing these resources, visit the SRSU website. Students should submit online assignments through Blackboard or SRSU email, which require secure login information to verify students' identities and to protect students' information. The procedures for filing a student complaint are included in the student handbook. Students enrolled in distance education courses at Sul Ross are expected to adhere to all policies pertaining to academic honesty and appropriate student conduct, as described in the student handbook. Students in web-based courses must maintain appropriate equipment and software, according to the needs and requirements of the course, as outlined on the SRSU website.

Required Readings:

James Kirby Martin, **A Respectable Army: The Military Origins of the American Republic, 1763-1789**, Wiley Blackwell-3rd edition, ISBN # 978-1118923887

Robert Middlekauff, **The Glorious Cause: The American Revolution, 1763-1789**, Oxford University Press, ISBN # 978-0-19-531588-2, 2005.

Ray Raphael, **A People's History of the American Revolution: How Common People Shaped the Cause of Independence**, Harper Perreniel Press, ISBN # 978-0060004408, 2002

Course Outline (Write a two to three page review over each of the assigned chapters.) due on the assigned date)

Jan. 25- Middlekauff—Chapters one, two and three

Feb. 01-Middlekauff—Chapters four, five and six

Feb. 08-Middlekauff—Chapters seven, eight and nine

Feb. 15-Middlekauff-Chapters ten, eleven, and twelve

Feb. 22-Middlekauff-Chapters thirteen, fourteen and fifteen

Mar. 01-Middlekauff-Chapters sixteen, seventeen, and eighteen

Mar. 08-Middlekauff-Chapters nineteen, twenty, and twenty-one

Mar. 15-spring break

Mar. 22—Middlekauff-Chapters twenty-two, twenty-three, and twenty-four

Mar. 29-Middlekauff-Chapters twenty-five, twenty-six and Epilogue (Also, you need to have your paper topic picked out by this date)

Apr. 05-Raphael-Chapters one, two, and three

Apr. 12-Raphael-Chapters four, five, and six and seven

Apr. 19-Martin-Chapters One, Two, and Three

Apr. 26-Martin-Chapters Four, Five, and Six

May 10, Final Paper due by 5:00 p.m.