

HISTORY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA (c.1776- 1866)

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Module 1

I The Background:

The land and indigenous people: settlement and colonization by Europeans; early colonial society and politics; indentured labour- White and Black

II Making of the Republic:

[a] Revolution Sources of conflict: Revolutionary groups, Ideology:

The War of Independence and its historical interpretations

[b] Processes and Features of Constitution making: Debates, Historical interpretations.

III Evolution of American Democracy:

[a] Federalists: Jeffersonianism: Jacksonianism, Rise of political parties-; judiciary-role of the Supreme Court

[b] Expansion of Frontier: Turner's Thesis; Marginalization, displacement and decimation of native Americans; Case histories of Tecumseh; Shawnee Prophet.

[c] Limits of democracy: Blacks and women.

Module 2

IV Early Capitalism:

[a] Beginnings of Industrialization.

[b] Immigrants and changing composition of Labour; Early Labour Movements.

V The Agrarian South:

[a] Plantation economy.

[b] Slave Society and Culture: Slave resistance.

VI Ante Bellum Foreign Policy:

War of 1812: Monroe Doctrine: Manifest Destiny.

VII Civil War:

[a] Abolitionism and Sectionalism.

[b] Issues and interpretations,

[c] Rise of Republicanism, Emancipation and Lincoln

ESSENTIAL READINGS

Bernard Bailyn, The Great Republic.

Bernard Bailyn, The Ideological Origins of the American Revolution.

Charles Beard, An Economic Interpretation of the American Constitution.

Dee Brown, Bury My Heart at Wounded Knee, An Indian History of the American West.

Peter Carroll and David Noble, Free and Unfree: A New History of the United States.

David B. Davis, The Problem of Slavery in the Age of Revolution.

U. Faulkner, American Economic History.

Robert Fogel, Railroads and American Economic Growth.

Eric Foner, America's Black Past.
John Hope Franklin, From Slavery to Freedom.
Gerald N. Grobb and George A. Billias, Interpretations of American History: Patterns and Perspectives, 2 Vols.
Richard Hofstadter, The Age of Reform, From Bryan to FDR
Linda Kerber, Women's America: Refocusing the Past.
David M. Potter, The Impending Crisis.
W. Pratt, A History of the United States Foreign Policy.
James Randall, The Civil War and Reconstruction.
J. G. Randall and David Donald, The Civil War and Reconstruction.
Kenneth Stampp, The Peculiar Institution, Slavery in the Ante-bellum South.
Frederick Jackson Turner, The Frontier in American History.
Robert Wiebe, The Search for Order.

SUGGESTED READINGS

Lee Benson, The Concept of Jackson Democracy.
Ray A. Billington, Westward Expansion.
Paul Boyer, Harvard Sitkoff, Nancy Woloch, The Enduring Vision: A History of the American People, Vols. Land 2.
Thomas Cochran, The Inner Revolution.
A. O. Craven, The Growth of Southern Nationalism, 1848 - 1861.
Lance E. Davis (ed.), American Economic Growth.
Carl N. Degler, At Odds: Women and Family in America from the Revolution to the Present.
John D. Hicks, The Federal Union: A History of USA Since 1865.
R.P. Kaushik, Significant Themes in American History.
David M. Kennedy, Thomas Bailey and Mel Piehl, The Brief American Pageant.
Irving Kristol, Gordon Wood and others, America's Continuing Revolution.
Richard W. Leopold, The Growth of American Foreign Policy.
Perry Miller, From Colony to Province.
Gary Nash (ed.), Retracing the Past.
Henry Pelling, American Labor.
Edward Pessen, Jacksonian Panorama.
Charles Sellers, Henry May and Neil McMillen, A Synopsis of American History; 2 Vols.
Donald Shihan, The Making of American History: The Emergence of the Nation, Vols. II & I.
Dwijendra Tripathi and S.C. Tiwari, Themes and Perspectives in American History.
James Weinstein, The Corporate Ideal in the Liberal state.