

HISTORY 340

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The early history of what became the United States established the foundation of one of the world's most dynamic cultures and a world superpower. This course will study the forces shaping the establishment of the American colonies, the development of a distinct colonial society within the British Empire, its revolt and the challenges facing the inhabitants of the newly independent republic. Themes to be explored include: Europe and the 'imagined landscape' of the 'New World', indigenous- newcomer relations, Europe, Africa and America, communication and colonial society, war, revolution and the new republic, slavery, gender, and family in republican society and the frontier and the American identity.

History 340 will include lectures, videos and visual images to provide a foundation for understanding life in the early United States. Readings and documents will be equally incorporated into the class structure to provide opportunities for students to discuss the weekly themes in small group and seminar formats.

Course Materials:

Assigned readings and documents will be provided through UFV library databases such as JSTOR etc.

Grades:

Participation 15% **Weekly Reading Summaries** 10% **Short Review Essay** 15%

Term Paper 30%

Final Exam 30%