American Major Field Reading List: Preliminary Version

Textbooks:
- David Henretta, et. al., *America: A Concise History*
- Alan Brinkley, *The Unfinished Nation*, Vol II.
- Davidson, DeLay, Heyrman, Lytle, & Stoff, *Nation of Nations*, vol. II

Major Problems Series
- *The Early Republic*, Sean Wilentz, ed.
- *The Civil War and Reconstruction*, Michael Perlman, et. al., eds.
- *Major Problems in American History Volume II: Since 1865* by Elizabeth Cobbs-Hoffman and Jon Gjerde
- *Major Problems in American Foreign Relations, Volume II: Since 1914* by Dennis Merrill and Thomas Paterson
- *Major Problems in American Military History: Documents and Essays* by John Chambers, G. Kurt Piehler and Thomas Paterson
- *Major Problems in American History Since 1945* by Robert Griffith and Paula Baker
- *Major Problems in the History of the American South, Vol I*, Escott
- *Major Problems in the History of the American South: Documents and Essays, Volume II* by Escott, Goldfield, McMillen, and Turner
- *Major Problems in American Women’s History: Documents and Essays*, Norton, Alexander, and Paterson
- *Major Problems in the History of the American West, Documents and Essays*, Milner
- *Major Problems in the Gilded Age and the Progressive Era*, Fink & Paterson

Blackwell Companion Series
- *A Companion to 19th Century America*
- *A Companion to 20th Century America*
- *A Companion to the American Revolution*
- *A Companion to American Women’s History*
- *A Companion to Colonial America*
- *A Companion to Civil War and Reconstruction*
- *A Companion to the American South*
A Companion to American Cultural History
A Companion to African American History

Twayne Studies in American Thought and Culture
From Colonials to Provincials: American Thought and Culture, 1680-1760
Roots of American Democracy: American Thought and Culture, 1760-1800
Toward a New Society: American Thought and Culture, 1800-1830
The Victorian Homefront: American Thought and Culture, 1860-1880
Reluctant Modernism: American Thought and Culture, 1880-1900
Voices of the Marketplace: American Thought and Culture, 1830-1860
Balancing Acts: American Thought and Culture in the 1930s
Age of Doubt: American Thought and Culture in the 1940s
Age of Contradiction: American Thought and Culture in the 1960s
The Post-Modernist Turn: American Thought and Culture in the 1970s

Monographs

Colonial America: Contact, Origins of Slavery, and Life in the Colonies
Syntheses:
Alan Taylor, American Colonies: The Settling of North America
Jon Butler,

European and Native Contact in the New World
5. White, Richard. The Middle Ground: Indians, Empires, and Empires in the Great Lakes Region, 1650-1815

Colonial New England and the North
8. Block, Sharon. Rape and Sexual Power in Early America.

Slavery and the Colonial South
16. Kulikoff, Alan. Tobacco and Slaves: The Development of Southern Cultures in the Chesapeake, 1680-1800
17. John Thornton, Africa and Africans in the Making of the Atlantic World, 1400-1800
19. Edmund Morgan, American Slavery, American Freedom: The Ordeal of Colonial Virginia

The Era of Revolution and Origins of American Government

The New Republic
The Early Republic
29. Clarke, Christopher. The Roots of Rural Capitalism, 1780-1860.
33. Sean Wilentz, Chants Democratic: New York City and the Rise of the American Working Class, 1788-1850
34. Sean Wilentz, The Rise of American Democracy: Jefferson to Lincoln

Jacksonian and Antebellum America: Political Histories
40. William Freehling, Prelude to the Civil War: The Nullification Controversy in South Carolina, 1816-1836
41. David Walker Howe, What Hath God Wrought: The Transformation of America, 1815-1848

Culture, Class, Religion and Reform
43. Mintz, Stephen, Moralists and Modernizers
44. Haltunnen, Karen. Confidence Men and Painted Women: A Study of Middle Class Culture in America, 1830-1870.
45. Nathan Hatch, The Democratization of American Christianity
49. Stuart Blumin, The Emergence of the Middle Class: Social Experience in the American City, 1760-1800.
50. Mary Ryan, The Cradle of the Middle Class
52. Johnson, Paul E. Sam Patch, the Famous Jumper.
53. Lori Ginzberg, Women and the Work of Benevolence: Morality, Politics, and Class in the Nineteenth Century United States
54. Carroll Smith-Rosenberg, Disorderly Conduct: Visions of Gender in Victorian America
55. Levine, Lawrence. Black Culture and Black Consciousness: Afro-American Folk Thought from Slavery to Freedom.
56. Dorsey, Bruce. Reforming Men and Women: Gender in the Antebellum City.

Westward Expansion
58. Faragher, John. Sugar Creek: Life on the Illinois Prairie
60. Woodworth, Steven. Manifest Destinies: America’s Westward Expansion and the Road to the Civil War.

The Creation of a Slave South and a Free North

The Civil War and Reconstruction
70. Foner, Eric. A Short History of Reconstruction.

The Gilded Age
72. Gail Bederman, Manliness and Civilization
74. William Cronon, Nature’s Metropolis: Chicago and the Great West.
76. David Montgomery, Fall of the House of Labor (read the RAH review)
80. Rotundo, E. Anthony. American Manhood
82. Glenda Gilmore, Who Were the Progressives? (ebook Google)
83. Daniel T. Rogers, Atlantic Crossings: Social Politics in a Progressive Age (ebook)

The New South (review this section w/ reviews &etc)
84. Joel Williamson, A Crucible of Race: Black-White Relations in the American South since Emancipation
86. William Link, The Paradox of Southern Progressivism, 1880-1930

Race, Ethnicity and Immigration
88. John Bodnar, The Transplanted: A History of Immigrants in Urban America
89. Matthew Frye Jacobson, Whiteness of a Different Color: European Immigrants and the Alchemy of Race
90. David Roediger, The Wages of Whiteness

The West
91. Richard Utley, The Indian Frontier of the American West
92. Gerald Nash, Creating the West: Historical Interpretations, 1890-1990
93. Faragher and Hine, Frontiers: A Short History of the American West

Diplomacy, Foreign Relations, and World War I (combine w/ next section)
95. Kennedy, Over Here (ebook UBLib)
96. Frank Costigliola, Awkward Dominion: American Political,
Economic, and Cultural Relations with Europe, 1919-1933

97. Ronald Schaeffer, America in the Great War

98. N. Gordon Levin, Woodrow Wilson and World Politics: America’s Response to War and Revolution. (ebook thru UBLibs)

Society and Culture


100. George Chauncey, Gay New York: Gender, Urban Culture, and the Making of the Gay World, 1890-1940 (ebook thru UBLib)


The Great Depression and World War II


103. Alan Brinkley, The End of Reform: New Deal Liberalism in Recession and War

104. Lizbeth Cohen, Making a New Deal: Industrial Workers in Chicago, 1919-1939

105. William Leuchtenburg, Franklin D. Roosevelt and the New Deal, 1932-1940

106. David Kennedy, Freedom from Fear (ebook UBLib)

Cold War America: Conformity, Consumerism, Dissent and Protest (Cut some of these?)


108. Richard M. Fried, Nightmare in Red: The McCarthy Era in Perspective (google ebook)

109. Allan M. Winkler, Life Under a Cloud: American Anxiety about the Atom (google ebook)


111. David Garrow, Bearing the Cross: Martin Luther King, Jr., and the Southern Christian Leadership Conference


113. Todd Gitlin, The Sixties: Years of Hope, Days of Rage