Antebellum U.S. History Reading List
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Early Native-European Encounters:
Barr, Juliana. Peace Came in the Form of a Woman: Indians and Spaniards in the Texas Borderlands
Blackhawk, Ned. Violence Over the Land: Indians and Empires in the Early American West
Brooks, James F. Captives and Cousins: Slavery, Kinship, and Community in the Southwest Borderlands
Forbes, Jack D. Africans and Native Americans: The Language of Race and the Evolution of Red-Black Peoples
Gleach, Frederic W. Powhatan’s World and Colonial Virginia: A Conflict of Cultures
Lepore, Jill. The Name of War: King Philip’s War and the Origin of American Identity
Mann, Charles C. 1491: New Revelations of the Americas before Columbus
Richter, Daniel K. Facing East from Indian Country: A Native History of Early America
White, Richard. The Middle Ground: Indians, Empires, and Republics in the Great Lakes Region, 1650 – 1815

Development of Chattel Slavery in British North America:
Berlin, Ira. Many Thousands Gone: The First Two Centuries of Slavery in America
Brown, Kathleen. Good Wives, Nasty Wenches, and Anxious Patriarchs: Gender, Race, and Power in Colonial Virginia
Countryman, Edward. How Did American Slavery Begin?
Davis, David Brion. Inhuman Bondage: The Rise and Fall of Slavery in the New World
Genovese, Eugene D. Roll, Jordan, Roll: The World the Slaves Made
Gomez, Michael A. Exchanging Our Country Marks: The Transformation of African Identities in the Colonial and Antebellum South
Jordan, Winthrop D. The White Man’s Burden: Historical Origins of Racism in the United States
Morgan, Edmund. American Slavery, American Freedom: The Ordeal of Colonial Virginia
Morgan, Jennifer L. Laboring Women: Reproduction and Gender in New World Slavery
Rediker, Marcus. The Slave Ship: A Human History
Young, Jason R. Rituals of Resistance: African Atlantic Religion in Kongo and the Lowcountry South in the Era of Slavery

Puritan New England:
Godbeer, Richard. Sexual Revolution in Early America
Hill, Christopher. The World Turned Upside Down: Radical Ideas During the English Revolution
Kidd, Thomas S. The Great Awakening: The Roots of Evangelical Christianity in Colonial America
Miller, Perry. The New England Mind: The Seventeenth Century
Saxton, Martha. Being Good: Women’s Moral Values in Early America
North, Mary Beth. In the Devil’s Snare: The Salem Witchcraft Crisis of 1692
Winship, Michael P. The Times and Trials of Anne Hutchinson: Puritans Divided
American Revolution:
Berkin, Carol. *Revolutionary Mothers: Women in the Struggle for American Independence*
Calloway, Colin. *The American Revolution in Indian Country*
Frey, Sylvia R. *Water from the Rock: Black Resistance in a Revolutionary Age*
Juster, Susan. *Doomsayers: Anglo-American Prophecy in the Age of Revolution*
MacLeod, Duncan K. *Slavery, Race, and the American Revolution*
Rediker, Marcus and Peter Linebaugh. *The Many-Headed Hydra: Sailors, Slaves, Commoners, and the Hidden History of the Revolutionary Atlantic*
Schama, Simon. *Rough Crossing: Britain, the Slaves, and the American Revolution*
Taylor, Alan. *The Divided Ground: Indians, Settlers, and the Northern Borderland of the American Revolution*

Market Revolution:
Appleby, Joyce. *Capitalism and a New Social Order: The Republican Vision of the 1790s*
Clark, Christopher. *The Roots of Rural Capitalism: Western Massachusetts, 1780 – 1860*
Dublin, Thomas. *Women at Work: The Transformation of Work in Lowell, Massachusetts, 1780 – 1860*
Faragher, John M. *Sugar Creek: Life on the Illinois Prairie*
Howe, Daniel Walker. *What Hath God Wrought: The Transformation of America, 1815 – 1848*
McCoy, Drew. *The Elusive Republic: Political Economy in Jeffersonian America*
Roediger, David R. *The Wages of Whiteness: Race and the Making of the American Working Class*
Ryan, Mary P. *Cradle of the Middle Class: The Family in Oneida County, New York*
Sellers, Charles. *The Market Revolution*

Westward Expansion:
Cronon, William. *Nature’s Metropolis: Chicago and the Great West*
Johnson, Walter. *River of Dark Dreams: Slavery and Empire in the Cotton Kingdom*
Wallace, Anthony. *The Long, Bitter Trail: Andrew Jackson and the Indians*

Antebellum Slavery:
Berry, Daina Ramey. *Swing the Sickle for the Harvest is Ripe: Gender and Slavery in Antebellum Georgia*
Bolton, Charles C. *Poor Whites of the Antebellum South: Tenant Laborers in Central North Carolina and Northeast Mississippi*
Camp, Stephanie M. H. *Enslaved Women and Everyday Resistance in the Plantation South*
Chaney, Michael A. *Fugitive Vision: Slave Image and Black Identity in Antebellum Narrative*
Antebellum Slavery (continued):
Clarke, Erskine. *Dwelling Place: A Plantation Epic*
Cornelius, Janet Duitsman. *Slave Missions and the Black Church in the Antebellum South*
Dunaway, Wilma A. *Women, Work, and Family in the Antebellum Mountain South*
Elkins, Stanley M. *Slavery: A Problem in American Institutional and Intellectual Life*
Fleischner, Jennifer. *Mastering Slavery: Memory, Family, and Identity in Women’s Slave Narratives*
Fox-Genovese, Elizabeth. *Within the Plantation Household: Black and White Women of the South*
Glymph, Thavolia. *Out of the House of Bondage: The Transformation of the Plantation Household*
Gutman, Herbert G. *The Black Family in Slavery and Freedom*
Harding, Vincent. *There is a River: The Black Struggle for Freedom in America*
Johnson, Walter. *Soul by Soul: Life Inside the Antebellum Slave Market*
Joyner, Charles D. *Down by the Riverside: A South Carolina Slave Community*
McCurry, Stephanie. *Masters of Small Worlds: Yeoman Households, Gender Relations, and the Political Culture of Antebellum South Carolina*
Naylor, Celia E. *African Cherokees in Indian Territory: From Chattel to Citizens*
Raboteau, Albert J. *Slave Religion: The “Invisible Institution” in the Antebellum South*
Stampp, Kenneth M. *The Peculiar Institution: Slavery in the Ante-Bellum South*
Varon, Elizabeth R. *We Mean to be Counted: White Women and Politics in Antebellum Virginia*
White, Deboray Gray. *Ar’n’t I a Woman? Female Slaves in the Plantation South*
Wyatt-Brown, Bertram. *Honor and Violence in the Old South*

Second Great Awakening/Reform:
Bilhartz, Terry D. *Urban Religion and the Second Great Awakening: Church and Society in Early National Baltimore*
Boylan, Anne M. *The Origins of Women’s Activism: New York and Boston, 1797 – 1840*
Bratt, James D., ed. *Antirevivalism in Antebellum America: A Collection of Religious Voices*
Braude, Anne. *Radical Spirits: Spiritualism and Women’s Rights in Nineteenth-Century America*
Bushman, Claudia L. and Richard L. Bushman. *Building the Kingdom: A History of Mormons in America*
Butler, Jon. *Awash in a Sea of Faith: Christianizing the American People*
Carroll, Bret E. *Spiritualism in Antebellum America*
Ginzberg, Lori D. *Untidy Origins: A Story of Women’s Rights in Antebellum New York*
Hatch, Nathan O. *The Democratization of American Christianity*
Isenberg, Nancy. *Sex and Citizenship in Antebellum America*
Johnson, Paul E. and Sean Wilenz. *The Kingdom of Matthias: A Story of Sex and Salvation in Nineteenth-Century America*
Lawes, Carolyn J. *Women and Reform in a New England Community, 1815 – 1860*
Yellin, Jean Fagan and John C. VanHorner, eds., *The Abolitionist Sisterhood: Women’s Political Culture in Antebellum America*
Coming of the Civil War:
Anbinder, Tyler. *Nativism and Slavery: The Northern Know-Nothings and the Politics of the 1850s*
Ashworth, John. “Agrarians” and “Aristocrats”: *Party Ideology in the United States, 1837 – 1846*
Ashworth, John. *Slavery, Capitalism, and Politics in the Antebellum Republic, Volumes I and II*
Daly, John Patrick. *When Slavery Was Called Freedom: Evangelicalism, Proslavery, and the Causes of the Civil War*
Foner, Eric. *Free Soil, Free Labor, Free Men: The Ideology of the Republican Party Before the Civil War*
Freehling, William G. *Prelude to Civil War: The Nullification Controversy in South Carolina, 1816 – 1836*
Goodrich, Thomas. *War to the Knife: Bleeding Kansas, 1854 – 1861*
Masur, Louis P. *1831: Year of Eclipse*
McPherson, James. *Battle Cry of Freedom: The Civil War Era*
Nye, Russell B. *Fettered Freedom: Civil Liberties and the Slavery Controversy, 1830 – 1860*
Potter, David M. *The Impending Crisis, 1848 – 1861*
Sinha, Manisha. *The Counterrevolution of Slavery: Politics and Ideology in Antebellum South Carolina*
Stampf, Kenneth M. *And the War Came: The North and the Secession Crisis, 1860 – 1861*
Tulloch, Hugh. *The Debate On the American Civil War Era*