512-310: NEW JERSEY HISTORY:
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COURSE DESCRIPTION
New Jersey from its beginnings to the present. Emphasis on the most important forces and features in determining its nature and character.

Lectures will deal with the geography of the state, Indian-white relations, the founding of European colonies, the creation of the royal colony, the conduct of the American Revolution, the role of the state in the new republic, transportation developments, the massive arrival of immigrants, the role of the state just before and during the Civil War, postwar economic developments, Reconstruction and Gilded-Age politics, recreation, the progressive movement, the First World War, Prohibition and the 1920s, labor conflict, the Great Depression and the New Deal, the Second World War, postwar politics, the decline of the cities and the growth of the suburbs, and the state's image and identity.


Two papers will require students to analyze the lectures and readings assigned in this course.