





John Brown, above, Thad Stevens, below Abolitionists with different strategies.

Radicalism in America

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Books to be Bought

Zinn, Peoples History
Sinclair, The Jungle
Brown, New Studies in U.S. Communism
Breines, Takin It to the Streets
Johnson, The Making of Donald Trump

Course Work

We will examine radical ideas, individuals and movements in United States history as they have been reflected in the shifting American mainstream, from the beginnings of colonization to the present, centering our attention on the twentieth century. A variety of traditional and non-traditional historical narratives, documents, interviews and documentary films and videos will be used as sources. Students will be expected to have done all of the reading assigned for the week by Wednesday/ Two essay exams, a takehome midterm and a takehome final will be distributed and students will have around one week to complete this exams.

Attendance will be taken and, along with class participation, counted in the assignment of final grades. The midterm will count 35% The final 45% and attendance and participation 10%, although poor attendance, meaning a significant number of unexcused absences can result in a significant grade reduction.

Course Outline

Intro-9/6/17 General Theme: Definitions of Radicalism, Colonial Background

9/13/17 General Theme: The American Revolution as a Radical Revolution Readings Zinn, Peoples History, pp. 1-101 -video-tea party etiquette

W9/20/17-- General Theme Democracy and Manifest Destiny: The Revolution's Completion or Betrayal Readings Zinn, Peoples History, pp. 102-166 Video, Amistad

9/27/17 General Theme: The Civil War: Social Revolution and Liberation? Readings Zinn, Peoples History, pp.167-246 Video, 1877: Grand Army of Starvation

10/4/17 General Theme: The Industrial Republic and the Poverty of Progress Readings, Zinn, Peoples History, 247-313

10/11/17 General Theme: Labor and Populist Resistance readings-- Zinn,PeoplesHistory,314-348 Video, Debs and the American Movement

10/18/17 General Theme: Socialism and Cultural Resistance Readings Zinn, Peoples History, pp.350-368 Finish the Jungle Take-home midterm given out.

10/25/17 General Theme: War, Repression, and 100 percent Americanism Video Reds Take-home midterm due Wednesday class.

11/1/17 General Theme: Communists and a New Left: Strengths and Weakness Readings Zinn, Peoples History, pp. 368-397 Brown,New Studies pp.1-71,199-237: Video, Union Maids

11/8/17 General Theme: War, Repression and a New A Manifest Destiny@ readings Zinn, Peoples History, pp. 398-434, Brown,New Studies, pp.91-140, 261-326 Video: The Good Fight

11/15/17 General Theme: Civil Rights and the Meanings of Democracy Zinn,Peoples History, pp. 435-459 Breines,Streets pp. 3-44, 135-201

11/20/17 General Theme: Anti-War, Women's Rights, and the Meaning of Democracy Readings Breines,Streets pp.450-557 Video Berkeley

in the 1960s

11/29/17 General Theme: Environmentalism and Animal Rights in an Age of Fragmentation Readings Zinn, Peoples History, pp. 493-569, Breines, Streets pp. 559-636

12/6/17 General Theme: American Radicalism at the Dawn of the 21st Century, Achievements and Contradictions readings Zinn, Peoples History, pp. 570-582, Johnston, Making of Donald Trump, from Family History of Income Taxes Video, Roger and Me

12/13-American Radicalism, Past Present and Future, Course Conclusion Readings Johnston, The Making of Donald Trump, from empty boxes to epilogue - Takehome final given out