

History 269/469/AAS 249

Spring 2016

The Civil War: A Search for National Unity

Tuesday & Thursday 11:05-12:20pm.

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As we conclude the sesquicentennial celebration of the nation's bloodiest war, we will re-evaluate the causes of the conflict, identify the major events, actors, and re-view the interpretations of the country's two leading Civil War historians. We will examine the battles that had the most significant impact on the immediate and longer term outcome of the war, and those that shaped the direction the new nation would take. Positioning ourselves differently from historians of an earlier generation, we will be particularly concerned with producing a more balanced representation of the nation's most meaningful political and military conflict.

Three Class

Papers of 2-3 sides (30%); Two Class Tests (20%); Battle Presentation—(oral





- March 15 Topic: From Contrabands to Soldiers to Citizens

Reading for Week Eleven:

Ayers, In the Presence of Mine Enemies, Shiloh pp. 234-248  
 McPherson, The Battle Cry of Freedom [Shiloh 405-414](#)  
 Ayers, In the Presence of Mine Enemies, Second Manassas pp. 297-331  
 McPherson, The Battle Cry of Freedom Second Manassas pp. 524-567

-- March 22

McPherson, The Battle Cry of Freedom [Antietam 538-545](#)  
 Ayers, In the Presence of Mine Enemies, Chancellorsville 377-395  
 McPherson, The Battle Cry of Freedom [Chancellorsville 638-646](#)

--Tuesday March 29

McPherson, The Battle Cry of Freedom Gettysburg, [Vicksburg & Gettysburg 646-665](#)  
 McPherson, The Battle Cry of Freedom Fort Wagner pp. 684-688

Reading for Week Thirteen:

George Rable, Civil Wars: Women and the Crisis of Southern Nationalism, chap. 5 (Online)  
 Jacqueline Glass Campbell, When Sherman Marched North from the Sea: Resistance on the Confederate Homefront, 58-74 (Online)  
 Susie King Taylor, Reminiscences of my Life in Camp with the 33D United States Colored Troops Late 1st. South Carolina Volunteers (Reserve)

-- Tuesday, April 5

Life on the Home Fronts: A New Civil War History?

-- Tuesday, April 12

The End of the "Second American Revolution"  
 Term Paper Prep

-- Tuesday, April 19

Term Paper Prep.  
 Presentations (1)

--Tuesday, April 26

Last Class  
 Presentations (2)  
 Term Paper due: April 26 (In class)