

1. REQUIRED TEXTS:

Emerson, Ralph Waldo, SELF-RELIANCE AND OTHER ESSAYS
Hamilton, Alexander, et al., THE FEDERALIST PAPERS
Hawthorne, Nathaniel, THE CELESTIAL RAILROAD AND
OTHER STORIES
Lincoln, Abraham, GREAT SPEECHES
Paine, Thomas, COMMON SENSE
Thoreau, Henry David, CIVIL DISOBEDIENCE AND OTHER ESSAYS
Young, James P., RECONSIDERING AMERICAN LIBERALISM

Note: Young has recently gone out of print; only a
limited number of copies are available. Assignments
will be available on electronic reserve in the
Blackboard for the course.

Recommended: Alexis de Tocqueville, DEMOCRACY IN AMERICA,
is an indispensable analysis of American political culture.
Students who are not familiar with the history of political
theory may find it valuable to have a general text in the
field, such as Leo Strauss and Joseph Cropsey, HISTORY OF
POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY.

2. CLASS REQUIREMENTS:

- a. One take home final examination, to be distributed
~~Wednesday,~~
Wednesday, December 8.
- b. One paper, (maximum, five double-spaced typewritten pages
or the equivalent,) due Wednesday, October 6.

92 Does the Constitution, as drafted in
Philadelphia in 1787, reflect or depart
from the principles of the Declaration
of Independence? In what respects? Is
the Constitution, as originally adopted,
more or less democratic than the
Declaration?

- c. One paper, (maximum, six double-spaced typewritten pages
or the equivalent,) due Wednesday, November 17.

Discuss Hawthorne's short stories "Young

Goodman Brown" and "Ethan Brand" (THE CELESTIAL RAILROAD AND OTHER STORIES, pp.87-100 and 271-287). What is Hawthorne trying to teach his readers about the ways in which they should understand themselves and their relationship to society? Compare Hawthorne's view with the ideas of either Emerson or Thoreau, as reflected in the assigned readings.

3. COURSE OUTLINE AND READINGS:

Required readings are starred (*). Unless indicated, any required readings outside the texts will be available on the electronic Blackboard for the course. All unstarred readings are recommended. Class dates are tentative.

I. Introduction: Political Theory and the American Tradition (August 30, September 1)

*Mark Twain, "A Fable." (Will be distributed)

Chesterton, G.K., WHAT I SAW IN AMERICA

Hartz, Louis, THE LIBERAL TRADITION IN AMERICA

Lasch, Christopher, THE TRUE AND ONLY HEAVEN

McWilliams, Wilson C., THE IDEA OF FRATERNITY IN AMERICA

Parrington, Vernon L., MAIN CURRENTS IN AMERICAN THOUGHT

Smith, Rogers, CIVIC IDEALS

II. Puritanism (September 6,8)

*John Winthrop, "A Model of Christian Charity"

*Young, chapter 1 (pp.13-22)

Hoffer, P.C., LAW AND PEOPLE IN COLONIAL AMERICA

McWilliams, IDEA OF FRATERNITY, 112-169

Miller, Joshua, THE RISE AND FALL OF DEMOCRACY IN EARLY AMERICA, 21-50

Miller, Perry, THE NEW ENGLAND MIND

Morgan, Edmund, THE PURITAN DILEMMA

Schneider, Herbert, THE PURITAN MIND

Walzer, Michael, THE REVOLUTION OF THE SAINTS

III. John Locke and Natural Rights (September 13,15)

*Young, chapter 2 (23-41)

Grant, Ruth, JOHN LOCKE'S LIBERALISM

Hartz, THE LIBERAL TRADITION IN AMERICA

Huyler, Jerome, THE MORAL PHILOSOPHY OF THE FOUNDING ERA

Pangle, Thomas, THE SPIRIT OF MODERN REPUBLICANISM

Schochet, Gordon, PATRIARCHALISM AND POLITICS

Strauss, Leo, NATURAL RIGHT AND HISTORY

Zuckert, Michael, NATURAL RIGHTS AND THE NEW REPUBLICANISM

IV. The American Revolution (September 20,22,27,29)

*The Declaration of Independence

*Nathaniel Niles, "Two Discourses on Liberty"

*Paine, COMMON SENSE

*Young, chapter 3 (41-54)

Arendt, Hannah, ON REVOLUTION

Bailyn, Bernard, THE IDEOLOGICAL ORIGINS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

Dworetz, Steven, THE UNVARNISHED DOCTRINE

Franklin, Benjamin, THE AUTOBIOGRAPHY OF BENJAMIN FRANKLIN

Heimert, Alan, RELIGION AND THE AMERICAN MIND

Kammen, Michael, PEOPLE OF PARADOX

Pocock, J.G.A., MACHIAVELLIAN MOMENT

Wills, Garry, INVENTING AMERICA

Zuckert, Michael, THE NATURAL RIGHTS REPUBLIC

V. The Founding of American Institutions (October 4,6, 18,20,25)

*The Articles of Confederation

*The Constitution of the United States

*The Federalist Papers, numbers 1,6,9,10,11,14,15,16, 17,27,28,31,35,37,48,49,51,55,58,70,71,72,78,84

*Young, chapter 4 (55-72)

Banning, Lance, THE SACRED FIRE OF LIBERTY

Epstein, David, THE POLITICAL THEORY OF THE FEDERALIST

Gillespie, M. and Lienesch, M., eds., RATIFYING THE CONSTITUTION

Goldwin, R. and Schambra, W., eds., HOW DEMOCRATIC IS THE CONSTITUTION?

Hendrickson, David, PEACE PACT

Jensen, Merrill, THE ARTICLES OF CONFEDERATION

Matthews, Richard K., IF MEN WERE ANGELS

McDonald, Forrest, NOVUS ORDO SECOLORUM

Miller, Joshua, RISE AND FALL OF DEMOCRACY, 81-103

Rosen, Gary, REPUBLICAN COMPACT

Storing, Herbert J., WHAT THE ANTI-FEDERALISTS WERE

FOR
 Walling, Karl, REPUBLICAN EMPIRE
 Wood, Gordon, THE CREATION OF THE AMERICAN REPUBLIC

VI. Democracy, Locality and the Crisis of Politics
 (October 27, November 1,3,8)

- *Thomas Jefferson, Letter to James Madison, Sept.6, 1789
 and Letter to Samuel Kercheval, July 12, 1816
- *George Bancroft, ORATION TO THE DEMOCRACY OF
 SPRINGFIELD, 1836
- *Bancroft, "William Penn and John Locke Compared"
- *Lewis Henry Morgan, selections from THE LEAGUE OF THE
 IROQUOIS
- *Tocqueville, Alexis de, selections from DEMOCRACY IN
 AMERICA
- *Young, chapters 5,6 (77-91,93-106)

Banning, Lance, THE JEFFERSONIAN PERSUASION
 Benson, Lee, THE CONCEPT OF JACKSONIAN DEMOCRACY
 Cooper, James Fenimore, THE AMERICAN DEMOCRAT
 Feller, Daniel, THE JACKSONIAN PROMISE
 McCoy, Drew, THE ELUSIVE REPUBLIC
 Meyers, Marvin, THE JACKSONIAN PERSUASION
 Schlesinger, Arthur, THE AGE OF JACKSON
 Sellers, Charles, THE MARKET REVOLUTION
 Shankman, Andrew, CRUCIBLE OF AMERICAN DEMOCRACY
 Sheldon, Garrett W., THE POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY OF
 THOMAS JEFFERSON
 Smith, Kimberly, THE DOMINION OF VOICE
 Tocqueville, Alexis de, DEMOCRACY IN AMERICA,
 especially vol.I, ch.14,15, vol.II, part 2,
 ch.1-7
 Yarbrough, Jean, AMERICAN VIRTUES

VI. Individualism, Commercialism and the Crisis of
 Society (November 10,15,17,22)

- *Emerson, 1-38
- *Hawthorne, 87-100, 185-202, 271-287
- *Thoreau, 1-18,75-90

Anderson, Quentin, THE IMPERIAL SELF
 Brooks, VanWyck, THE FLOWERING OF NEW ENGLAND
 Kateb, George, THE INNER OCEAN
 McWilliams, IDEA OF FRATERNITY, 280-371
 Melville, Herman, BARTLEBY
 Miller, Perry, THE LIFE OF THE MIND IN AMERICA
 Newfield, Christopher, THE EMERSON EFFECT

Rose, Anne C., TRANSCENDENTALISM AS A SOCIAL MOVEMENT
 Shklar, Judith, REDEEMING AMERICAN POLITICAL THOUGHT
 28-79

Taylor, Bob Pepperman, AMERICA'S BACHELOR UNCLE:
 THOREAU AND AMERICAN POLITICS

Zuckert, Catherine, NATURAL RIGHT AND THE AMERICAN
 IMAGINATION

NOTE: No class Wednesday, November 24.

VII. Nationalism, Race and Equality: Slavery and the
 Crisis of the Union (November 29, December 1, 6, 8)

- *John C. Calhoun, selection from DISQUISITION ON
 GOVERNMENT
- *Lincoln, GREAT SPEECHES, 1-8, 24-32, 53-61, 103-104,
 106-108
- *Lincoln, "Speech on Discoveries and Inventions" and
 "Speech at Sanitary Fair,"
- *Margaret Fuller, "Woman in the 19th Century"
- *Young, chapter 7 (107-126)

Duberman, Martin, THE ANTI-SLAVERY VANGUARD
 Genovese, Eugene, THE WORLD THE SLAVEHOLDERS MADE
 Greenstone, J. David, THE LINCOLN PERSUASION
 Jaffa, Harry V., CRISIS OF THE HOUSE DIVIDED
 McDonald, Forrest, STATES' RIGHTS AND THE UNION
 McPherson, James, ABRAHAM LINCOLN AND THE SECOND
 AMERICAN REVOLUTION
 Melville, Herman, BENITO CERENO
 Nichols, R., THE DISRUPTION OF THE UNION
 Stanton, William, THE LEOPARD'S SPOTS
 Wills, Garry, LINCOLN AT GETTYSBURG

4. OFFICE HOURS AND CONTACT INFORMATION:

My office hours will be from Mondays and
 Wednesdays, 1:30-2:30 p.m. in Founders 25, or by
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 788-5527) or (erratically) via email, at
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