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Oral Examination List
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What Is Early America?

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Joyce E. Chaplin, "Expansion and Exceptionalism in Early American History," *Journal of American History* 89, no. 4 (2003): 1431–55

Jack P. Greene, *Pursuits of Happiness: The Social Development of Early Modern British Colonies and the Formation of American Culture* (1988)

Richard Hofstadter, *America at 1750* (1971)

D. W. Meinig, *The Shaping of America: Volume 1 Atlantic America, 1492-1800* (1986)

Alan Taylor, *American Colonies* (2001)

Frederick Jackson Turner, *The Significance of the Frontier in American History* (1893)

Primary Documents

Cabeza de Vaca, *Narrative*

Richard Hakluyt, *Discourse on Western Planting*

John Winthrop, *A Modell of Christian Charity*

Mary Rowlandson, *The Sovereignty and Goodness of God*

The Diary of Landon Carter

Alexander Hamilton, *A Gentleman's Progress*

Thomas Jefferson, *Notes on the State of Virginia*

Thomas Paine, *Common Sense*

The Declaration of Independence

J. Hector St. John de Crevecoeur, *Letters from an American Farmer*

The Federalist Papers

Benjamin Franklin, *The Autobiography of Benjamin Franklin*

The U.S. Constitution

Susannah Rowson, *Charlotte Temple*

Alexis de Tocqueville, *Democracy in America*

Crossings

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Bernard Bailyn, *Atlantic History: Concept and Contours* (2005)

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Alfred Corsby, *The Columbian Exchange: Biological and Cultural Consequences of*

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- Philip D. Morgan, "The Caribbean Islands in Atlantic Context, circa 1500-1800," in Felicity A. Nussbaum, ed., *The Global Eighteenth Century* (2003), 52-64
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Meetings

- Joyce E. Chaplin, *Subject Matter: Technology, the Body, and Science on the Anglo American Frontier, 1500-1676* (2001)
- William Cronon, *Changes in the Land: Indians, Colonists and the Ecology of New England* (1983)
- Alfred W. Crosby, "Virgin Soil Epidemics as a Factor in the Aboriginal Depopulation in America" *William and Mary Quarterly* 33, no. 2 (April 1976): 289-299
- Philip J. Deloria, "Historiography," Deloria and Salisbury, eds., *A Companion to American Indian History* (2002)
- John Demos, *The Unredeemed Captive: A Family Story from Early America* (1994)
- Inga Clendinnen, *Ambivalent Conquests* (1987)
- Karen Ordahl Kupperman, *Indians and English* (2000)
- Andrés Reséndez, *A Land So Strange: The Epic Journey of Cabeza de Vaca* (2007)
- Daniel K. Richter, *Facing East from Indian Country: A Native History of Early America* (2001)
- Neal Salisbury, "The Indians' Old World: Native Americans and the Coming of Europeans," *William and Mary Quarterly* 53, no. 3 (Jul., 1996): 435-458
- Neal Salisbury, *Manitou and Providence: Indians, Europeans, and the Making of New England, 1500-1643* (1982)
- Peter Silver, *Our Savage Neighbors: How Indian War Transformed Early America* (2007)
- Richard White, *The Middle Ground: Indians, Empires, and Republics in the Great Lakes Region, 1650-1815* (1991)

Settling

- Jon Butler, *Awash in a Sea of Faith: Christianizing the American People* (1990)
- Richard Bushman, *The Refinement of America: Persons, Houses, Cities* (1992)
- Carl Bridenbaugh, *Cities in the Wilderness: the First Century of Urban Life in America, 1625-1742* (1938)
- John Demos, *A Little Commonwealth; Family Life in Plymouth Colony* (1970)
- David Hackett Fischer, *Albion's Seed: Four British Folkways in America* (1989)
- David Hall, *Worlds of Wonder, Days of Judgment: Popular Religious Belief in Early New England* (1989)
- Rhys Isaac, *The Transformation of Virginia, 1740-1790* (1982)
- Allan Kulikoff, *Tobacco and Slaves: The Development of Southern Cultures in the Chesapeake, 1680-1800* (1986)
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New England's Errand

Paul S. Boyer and Stephen Nissenbaum, *Salem Possessed* (1974)

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Cornelia Dayton, *Women Before the Bar: Gender, Law, and Society in Connecticut, 1639-1789* (1995)

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Stephen Innes, *Creating the Commonwealth: The Economic Culture of Puritan New England* (1995)

Jane Kamensky, *Governing the Tongue* (1997)

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Kenneth Lockridge, *A New England Town*

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Mary Beth Norton, *In the Devil's Snare: The Salem Witchcraft Crisis of 1692* (2002)

Kenneth Silverman, *The Life and Times of Cotton Mather* (1984)

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The Mid-Atlantic

Wayne Bodle, "Themes and Directions in Middle Colonies Historiography, 1980-1994," *WMQ* 51:3 (Jul 1994), 355-388

Joyce Goodfriend, *Before the Melting Pot: Society and Culture in Colonial New York City, 1664–1730* (1992)

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Barry Levy, *Quakers and the American Family: British Settlement in the Delaware Valley* (1988)

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A. G. Roeber, *Palatines, Liberty and Property: German Lutherans in Colonial British America* (1993)

Seth Rockman, *Scraping By: Wage Labor, Slavery, and Survival in Early Baltimore* (2008)

David Waldstreicher, *Runaway America* (2004)

Slavery

- Ira Berlin, *Many Thousands Gone: The First Two Centuries of Slavery in North America* (1998)
- Vincent Brown, *The Reaper's Garden: Death and Power in the World of Atlantic Slavery* (2007)
- Trevor Burnard, *Mastery, Tyranny, and Desire: Thomas Thistlewood and His Slaves in the Anglo-Jamaican World* (2004)
- Bruce Dain, *Hideous Monster of the Mind: American Race Theory in the Early Republic* (2002)
- Rhys Isaac, *Landon Carter's Uneasy Kingdom: Revolution and Rebellion on a Virginia Plantation* (2004)
- Edmund S. Morgan, *American Slavery, American Freedom* (1975)
- Philip D. Morgan, *Slave Counterpoint: Black Culture in the Eighteenth-Century Chesapeake & Lowcountry* (1998)
- Stephanie E. Smallwood, *Saltwater Slavery: A Middle Passage from Africa to American Diaspora* (2007)
- Peter H. Wood, *Black Majority: Negroes in Colonial South Carolina from 1670 through the Stono Rebellion* (1974)

Women and Gender

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- Joan Gunderson, *To Be Useful to the World: Women in Revolutionary America, 1740-1790* (1996)
- Linda Kerber, *Women of the Republic: Intellect and Ideology in Revolutionary America* (1980)
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- Gary Nash, "Social Change and the Growth of Prerevolutionary Urban Radicalism," in *Race, Class, and Politics: Essays on American Colonial and Revolutionary Society* (1986), 211-242
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- Cassandra Pybus, *Epic Journeys of Freedom: Runaway Slaves of the American Revolution and their Global Quest for Liberty* (2007)
- Jack Rakove, *Revolutionaries* (2010).
- Marcus Rediker and Peter Linebaugh, *The Many-Headed Hydra: The Hidden History of the Revolutionary Atlantic* (2000)
- Charles Royster, *A Revolutionary People at War: The Continental Army and American Character, 1775-1783* (1996)
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- Alfred F. Young, *The Shoemaker and the Tea Party*

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- Akhil Amar, *The Bill of Rights: Creation and Reconstruction* (1998)
- Charles Beard, *An Economic Interpretation of the Constitution of the United States* (1913)
- Joanne Freeman, *Affairs of Honor: National Politics in the New Republic* (2001)

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Eric Slauter, *The State as a Work of Art: The Cultural Origins of the Constitution* (2008)

David Waldstreicher, *Slavery's Constitution* (2009)

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The Early Republic

Joyce Appleby, *Capitalism and the New Social Order*

Richard D. Brown, *Knowledge is Power*

Cathy Davidson, *Revolution and the Word*

Annette Gordon-Reed, *The Hemingses of Monticello*

Jane Kamensky, *The Exchange Artist*

Jeffrey Pasley, *The Tyranny of Printers*

Alan Taylor, *William Cooper's Town*

Laurel Ulrich, *The Age of Homespun: Objects and Stories in the Creation of an American Myth* (2001)

Laurel Thatcher Ulrich, *A Midwife's Tale*

David Waldstreicher, *In the Midst of Perpetual Fetes: The Making of American Nationalism, 1776-1820* (1997)

Shane White, *Somewhat More Independent*

Sean Wilentz, *The Rise of American Democracy*

The prehistory of the Americas (North, South, and Central America, and the Caribbean) begins with people migrating to these areas from Asia during the height of an Ice Age. These groups are generally believed to have been isolated from the people of the "Old World" until the coming of Europeans in the 10th century from Iceland led by Leif Erikson and in 1492 with the voyages of Christopher Columbus. These early groups disappeared over time and were replaced by other groups of Native Americans, including Hopi and Zuni, who flourished. By the time Europeans reached what is now the United States, about two million native people, maybe more, lived here. The first Europeans to arrive in North America – at least the first for whom there is solid evidence – were Norse. In 1001 they are thought to have explored the northeast coast of what is now Canada. Ruins of Norse houses dating from that time have been discovered at L'Anse-aux-Meadows in northern Newfoundland. The first explorers were searching for a sea passage to Asia. Others – chiefly British, Dutch, French, and Spanish – came later to claim the lands and riches of what they called the "New World." The history of the United States started with the arrival of Native Americans in North America around 15,000 BC. Numerous indigenous cultures formed, and many disappeared in the 1500s. The arrival of Christopher Columbus in 1492 started the European colonization of the Americas. Most colonies were formed after 1600, and United States was the first nation whose most distant origins are fully recorded. By the 1760s, the thirteen British colonies contained 2.5 million people along the Atlantic Coast east... USA History - Early America. At the time of contact between the Americas and Europe in 1492, there were advanced civilizations throughout the Americas. While most attention in popular culture is devoted to the civilizations of the Aztec, Incas, and Mayas, North America also had great towns and societies. The stereotype of itinerant hunter-gatherer Native Americans undergirds the legal theory that rendered their land available for the taking. The Native Americas, the argument goes, were hunter-gatherers who lived in no fixed locations and had no land titles. What is certain is the devastating effect that European disease had on the indigenous population practically from the time of initial contact. the first Americans who crossed from Asia into North America; first complex civilization in north america; spearheads found; An early form of corn grown by Native Americans. Berengia. the name of the land bridge formed over the Bering Strait that; What were conditions like for early exp; Who was John Smith and how did he contr; When did the Mayflower sail to America?