

History 204 - 30X, Spring 2016  
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## IN SEARCH OF THE AMERICAN CIVIL RELIGION

- Week 1  
Jan 14 A "NATION WITH THE SOUL OF A CHURCH"  
Reading: McDougall, *Freedom*, pp. 1-135; Canvas #1-5  
Video: Barack Obama's Second Presidential Inaugural Ceremony
- Week 2  
Jan 19-21 BIBLICAL AND ENLIGHTENED SOURCES OF THE AMERICAN FAITH  
Reading: McD., *Freedom*, pp. 136-238; Paine, *Common Sense*; Canvas #6 & 13
- Week 3  
Jan 26-28 EXODUS: THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE AND HOLY WAR  
Reading: McD., *Freedom*, pp. 239-79; Maier, *Amer. Scripture*, pp. ix-xxi, 123-43; Canvas #7-8
- Week 4  
Feb 2-4 A MORE PERFECT UNION: THE CONSTITUTION AS COVENANT  
Reading: McD., *Freedom*, pp. 280-320; Canvas #9-12
- Week 5  
Feb 9-11 HOLY EXPERIMENT: FREEDOM OF RELIGION; A RELIGION OF FREEDOM  
Reading: McD., *Freedom*, pp. 321-370; Canvas #14; Washington and Adams Inaugurals
- Week 6  
Feb 16-18 "ALL FEDERALISTS; ALL REPUBLICANS": A NATION FORGED BY WAR  
Reading: McD., *Freedom*, pp. 371-421; Canvas #15; Jefferson and Madison Inaugurals
- Week 7  
Feb 23-25 UNFINISHED PYRAMID OR NEW JERUSALEM? DEMOCRATIC DESTINIES  
Reading: McD., *Freedom*, pp. 422-513, and *Throes*, pp. 1-40; Canvas #16-17; Monroe, J.Q. Adams, and Jackson Inaugurals
- Week 8  
Mar 1-3 WAGES OF SIN: THE CIVIL WAR AND NEW BIRTH OF FREEDOM  
Reading: McD., *Throes*, pp. 167-228, 308-97; Canvas #18-19; both Lincoln Inaugurals  
Video: PBS clip on Lincoln's Second Inaugural 1865
- Week 9  
Mar 8-10 SPRING BREAK
- Week 10  
Mar 15-17 SACRIFICIAL PRIESTHOOD: THE ARMED FORCES OF THE REPUBLIC  
Reading: O'Leary, *To Die For*, pp 3-28; Crane, *Red Badge of Courage*; Canvas #20-22  
Video: "West Point, The First 200 Years" **\*\*Term Paper Proposals Due This Week\*\***
- Week 11  
Mar 22-24 PATRIOTIC CULTURE: PROPAGATING THE CIVIL RELIGION  
Reading: McD., *Throes*, pp. 545-83; Canvas #23-28  
Video: Ken Burns' "The Statue of Liberty"
- Week 12  
Mar 29-31 PROGRESSIVE IMPERIALISM: THE BIRTH OF A CRUSADER STATE  
Reading: McD., *Promised Land*, pp. 1-12, 101-21; Canvas #29-30; McKinley and Theodore Roosevelt Inaugurals  
Video: *TR: The American Experience* clip
- Week 13  
Apr 5-7 WAR FOR RIGHTEOUSNESS: THE WILSONIAN GOSPEL AS ACR 2.0  
Reading: McD., *Promised Land*, pp. 122-146; Canvas #31-33; both Wilson Inaugurals  
Video: Wilson: *The American Experience* clip
- Week 14  
Apr 12-14 THE COLD WAR AS HOLY WAR: ACR 2.5 AS THE NEW ORTHODOXY  
Reading: Canvas #34-37; Truman, Eisenhower, and Kennedy Inaugurals  
Video: Kennedy Inauguration

Week 15      **END OF THE COLD WAR: REAGAN’S ACR TRIUMPHANT**  
 Apr 19-21      Reading: McDougall, “Exceptionalism Exposed!” (on-line); McDougall, *American Heresies* ,  
                   chaps. 27-28 (hand-outs); G. W. Bush and Obama Inaugurals

Week 16      **POST-COLD WAR CULTURE WARS: ACR 3.0, OR ANOTHER SCHISM?**  
 Apr 26 Reading: None (Work on Term Papers)

**\*\*Tuesday, May 10 – Term Papers Due\*\***

***See Overleaf* ----->>>>>**

***Narrative Texts – Penn Book Center (34<sup>th</sup> and Sansom)***

Walter A. McDougall, *Freedom Just Around the Corner: A New American History 1585-1828*  
 Walter A. McDougall, *Throes of Democracy: The American Civil War Era, 1829-1877*

***Rosengarten Reserve Room – Van Pelt Library***

E211P12	Tom Paine, <i>Common Sense</i>	E221M24	Pauline Maier, <i>American Scripture</i>
E169.1C837	Jim Cullen, <i>The American Dream</i>	E468G85	Allen Guelzo, <i>Crisis of the American Republic</i>
E661O46	Cecilia E. O’Leary, <i>To Die For</i>	PS1449C85	Stephen Crane, <i>The Red Badge of Courage</i>
D639R4G35	Richard Gamble, <i>War for Righteousness</i>	E183.7M4715	McDougall, <i>Promised Land, Crusader State</i>

***Internet Resources***

Presidential Inaugural Addresses at <http://www.re-quest.net/history/inaugurals> or <http://www.bartleby.com/124>  
 American Historical Documents at <http://www.yale.edu/lawweb/avalon/chrono.htm>

***Canvas Web Site***

<u>Selection Number</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Exposures</u>
#1:	Robert N. Bellah, Sidney E. Mead, and Will Herberg articles in Russell E. Richey, ed., <i>American Civil Religion</i> (1974), pp 21-88	35
#2:	Ellis M. West, “Neutral Definition of Civil Religion,” <i>Journal of Church &amp; State</i> 23 (1980): 23-40	18
#3:	Keith Drury, “When Americans turn to god” (2001) and Interfaith, “American Civil Religion” (2000)	6
#4:	Leroy S. Rouner, “What Is an American? Civil Religion....” (1999)	8
#5:	Bruce Murray, “With God On Our Side? How American ‘Civil Religion’ Permeates Society” (2001)	7
#6:	Ernest Lee Tuveson, <i>Redeemer Nation: The Idea of America’s Millennial Role</i> (1968), pp 1-25	13
#7:	Action of Second Continental Congress (July 4, 1776)	4
#8:	Christopher Flannery, “That Honorable Determination” (2003)	3
#9:	James Madison, <i>The Federalist Papers</i> (1788), Introduction and Nos. 10, 51	14
#10:	James Madison, “A Memorial & Remonstrance” on Freedom of Religion (1785)	3
#11:	The Evolution of the Flag, The Great Seal, and The Bald Eagle	11
#12:	Poems of (Philip) Freneau , “The Rising Glory of America” (1771)	13
#13:	Richard Van Alstyne, <i>Genesis of American Nationalism</i> (1970), pp 1-2, 58-66	7
#14:	Symbols of Freemasonry from Stephen Bullock, <i>Revolutionary Brotherhood</i> (1996)	7
#15:	Francis Scott Key, “The Star Spangled Banner,” <i>Wikipedia</i> article	7
#16:	Michael Kammen, “Revolutionary Iconography” in <i>A Season of Youth</i> (1978), pp 76-109	26
#17:	John O’Sullivan, “The Great Nation of Futurity” (Manifest Destiny, 1839)	2
#18:	Abraham Lincoln, “Address to the Springfield Young Men’s Lyceum” (1838)	8
#19:	Abraham Lincoln, “House Divided” Speech, Emancipation Proclamation, and Gettysburg Address	9
#20:	Edward Everett Hale, <i>The Man Without a Country</i> (1863), pp vii-xvii, 1-29	22
#21:	Walt Whitman, “A Sight in Camp” and “O Captain, My Captain” (1865)	3
#22:	Carolyn Marvin and David W. Ingle, “Blood Sacrifice and the Nation” (1996)	8
#23:	Ruth Miller Elson, <i>Guardians of Tradition</i> (1964), pp 1-11, 166-218	35
#24:	Elliott J. Gorn, <i>The McGuffey Readers</i> (1998), pp 1-36, 156-69	26

#25: H.W. Longfellow, “Paul Revere’s Ride” (1861) and Whitman, “By Blue Ontario’s Shore” (1856-81)	12
#26: Charles Calhoun, “Civil Religion and the Gilded Age Presidency, <i>PSQ</i> 23, no. 4 (1993): 651-67	18
#27: The Statue of Liberty and Pledge of Allegiance	12
#28: “Songs of the Flag and Nation” and “National Hymns”	16
#29: Josiah Strong, <i>Our Country: Its Possible Future and Present Crisis</i> , a summary (1885)	8
#30: Senator Albert Beveridge, “The March of the Flag” (1898)	4
#31: Woodrow Wilson, Annapolis Commencement Address (1914) and War Message (1917)	7
#32: The American’s Creed (1918)	2
#33: Richard Gamble, <i>The War for Righteousness</i> (2003), pp. ix-xxxv	16
#34: Andrew Preston, <i>Sword of the Spirit, Shield of Faith</i> (2012), pp. 3-14, 417-39	23
#35: William Inboden, ... <i>The Soul of Containment</i> (2008), pp. 1-25, 257-309	40
#36: Patrick Henry, “‘And I Don’t Care What It Is’, <i>Journal of Academy of Religion</i> 49: 1 (1981): 35-49)	15
#37: James Fairbanks, “The Priestly Functions of the Presidency,” <i>PSQ</i> 11:2 (1981): 214-32	20
#38: Conor Cruise O’Brien, <i>The Long Affair</i> (1996), pp. 301-25	26
#39: David Gelerntner, <i>Americanism: The Fourth Great Western Religion</i> (2007), pp. 20, plus reviews	17
#40: Todd Gitlin and Liel Leibovitz, <i>The Chosen Peoples</i> (2010), pp. xiii-xviii, 120-45	18

Total: 549

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**APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION**

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ANY PREVIOUS COURSES TAKEN WITH McDOUGALL:

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OTHER RELEVANT COURSES TAKEN (American history, Poli Sci, etc.):

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