

Alternative Homework for A. Hollinger's American History 1301 class:

The following questions (one or both) may be used in lieu of the published homework or independent study assignments during the unit indicated. These assignments will be graded so as to yield a more positive impact. All MLA conventions for citing sources apply. All other homework credit values, policies, guidelines, and instructions, explained in the syllabus, remain in place.

*Choose a theme from the list below:*

- 1. Liberty vs. Social (or Community) Order**
- 2. Local Interest vs. National Interest**
- 3. Economic Opportunity vs. Economic Stability and Order**
- 4. Human Relations (Race / Ethnicity / Religion / Gender)**

*Discuss and describe how the chosen theme applies to one of the following historical events or processes.*

During Unit One:

1. Bacon's Rebellion in the Virginia colony.
2. The 17<sup>th</sup> and early 18<sup>th</sup> Century history of the Chesapeake Colonies in contrast to the New England Colonies.
3. The competition between African slavery and Indentured Servitude as a labor source in the Chesapeake and Southern colonies before 1750
4. The resistance to the British government's taxation measures aimed at American colonies after the Seven Year's war.

During Unit Two:

1. The 1777 Articles of Confederation as the central government for the united colonies charged with winning the American Revolution.
2. The constitutional format of the United State's Second Republic (including the Bill of Rights) as designed in 1787-9.

3. The Virginia and Kentucky Resolves (1799) or the Hartford Convention's (1814-15) Report and Resolutions.
4. The causes of the United States' declaration of War on Great Britain in 1812.

During Unit Three:

1. Jacksonian Democracy & the "Era of the Common Man"
2. Jackson's action in regards to the Bank of the United States 1834.
3. The rise of the "northern" urban Middle Class between 1830 and 1860.
4. Revivalism in America between 1830 and 1860

During Unit Four:

1. The evolution of American political parties from 1830 to 1860.
2. "Manifest Destiny" and the acquisition of Oregon and Texas
3. The election of Abraham Lincoln as President in 1860 or The Upper and Lower South's secession from the United States.
4. Federal Reconstruction in the South between 1864 and 1876