

Course Structure:

1. Attend class regularly. Ten percent of your final grade is based on class participation. If you miss three classes you will get a zero in five percent of your final grade; if you miss four or more classes you will receive a zero in ten percent. A late arrival to class is half an absence.
2. There will be three quizzes and a final exam. In general these tests will be composed of identifications and essay questions from the texts and class notes. You cannot pass the course if you fail all the quizzes and the final exam. Do not miss taking a scheduled quiz. Make-ups are possible, but will be more difficult than the missed quiz.
3. Reports/research papers should be typed and proofread carefully. A carelessly written paper will be penalized one grade level. A plagiarized paper\* will, at minimum, receive an "F."
4. Written work: choose to do either four book reviews OR two book reviews and a research paper.
  - a. Book Review
    - i. Your report should be 5 pages, double-spaced.
    - ii. Choose your books from the "Suggested Readings" that are listed after each of the four "Parts" of your textbook, *Louisiana: A History*.
    - iii. To qualify for a review, a book must have at least 200 pages.
    - iv. Simply put, a book review should consist of an introduction, an overview or summary, an examination of the important elements of the work, and an evaluation. You should quote from the work throughout to support or illustrate your view or position.
    - v. For a brief description of a book review, see the excerpt from *One to One* by Charles Dawe and Edward Dornan. For a more detailed description go to:  
<http://www.indiana.edu/~wts/wts/bookreview.html>
  - b. Research Paper
    - i. Your paper should be 8 to 10 pages, double-spaced.
    - ii. You should use primary as well as secondary sources.
    - iii. Citations [required] must be in the form of foot- or endnotes in the *Chicago* style.
    - iv. Your paper should have a thesis that you prove by giving examples drawn from historical sources.
    - v. For information on writing a research paper, including developing a thesis and finding and citing sources, go to "GUIDELINES" on the History Dept. web page at: [www.loyno.edu/~history/research/research.htm](http://www.loyno.edu/~history/research/research.htm)

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\*Plagiarism

"Plagiarism—the use of another person's ideas or wording without giving proper credit—results from the failure to document fully and accurately. Ideas and expressions of them are considered to belong to the individual who first puts them forward. Therefore, when you incorporate ideas or phrasing from any other author in your paper, whether you quote them directly or indirectly, you need to be honest and complete about indicating the source to avoid plagiarism. Whether intentional or unintentional, plagiarism can bring serious consequences, both academic, in the form of failure or expulsion, and legal, in the form of lawsuits. Plagiarism is a violation of the ethics of the academic community."

William G. Campbell, Stephen V. Ballou, and Carole Slade, *Form and Style: Thesis, Reports, Term Papers*, 6<sup>th</sup> Edition (Boston: Houghton Mifflin, 1982), p. 52.

For more information on plagiarism and how to avoid it, go to:

<http://www.indiana.edu/~wts/wts/plagiarism.html>

Course Structure, continued

5. Grading: A=91-100; B=80-90; C=70-79; D=60-69; F=0-59.
6. Values: Quizzes = 45%; Exam = 15%; lib. bks/research = 15%; Northup/Vella = 15%; participation = 10%.

Texts:

Bennett H. Wall, et al., *Louisiana, A History*, fourth edition (2002)  
 Solomon Northup, *Twelve Years a Slave* (1853)  
 Christina Vella, *Intimate Enemies* (1997)

Course Organization:

DATE	TOPIC	TEXT	REPORT
August	31	Introduction	
September	02	Background	
	07	French and Spanish Explorers	Chapter 1
	09	French colonial Louisiana	
	14	John Law	Chapter 2
	16	Company of the Indies	
	21	End of French rule	Chapter 3
	23	<b>QUIZ</b>	
October	28	Spanish colonial Louisiana	
	30	Louisiana and the American Revolution	
	05	End of Spanish rule	Chapter 4
	07	The Louisiana Purchase	
	12	The Territory of Orleans	Chapter 5
	14	War of 1812	
	21	<b>QUIZ</b>	
	26	Antebellum Louisiana	Chapter 6
	28	Slavery in Louisiana	
	02	Civil War	Chapter 7
November	04	Civil War Aftermath	
	09	Political Reconstruction	
	11	Social, Economic Reconstruction	Chapter 8
	16	<b>QUIZ</b>	
	18	Louisiana in the Gilded Age	Chapter 9
	23	Yellow Fever; the Lottery	Chapter 10
	30	Louisiana in the early 20th Century	Chapter 11
	02	Huey Long's Louisiana	Chapter 12
December	07	Earl Long	Chapter 13
	09	Louisiana in recent times	Chapter 14
			Chapter 15, 16
			Chapter 17
			Chapter 18
			<b>[Research Paper]</b>
			Vella
Thursday, Dec. 16	9:00 - 11:00	<b>FINAL EXAM</b>	<b><u>BRING BLUEBOOK(S)</u></b>