**Required Reading**

1. Drew McCoy, *The Elusive Republic*
2. Christine Stansell, *City of Women* Digitized edition available through Geisel Library
3. Paul E. Johnson and Sean Wilentz, *The Kingdom of Matthias*
4. Harriet Jacobs, *Incidents in the Life of a Slave Girl*
5. Harriet Beecher Stowe, *Uncle Tom's Cabin*
6. Primary Documents Available through Electronic Reserves

**Assignments**

1. (30%) Midterm
2. (35%) 5 page paper (A prompt will be handed out in class on or before the day of the midterm)
3. (35%) Final

**Academic Honesty**

Students are encouraged to study in groups. However, when the in-class examinations begin, each student must work entirely alone. A “closed book” exam means that crib sheets, in any form, cannot be used while the exam is in progress.

Similarly, you are encouraged to discuss paper topics with one another, but you must write your paper on your own and in your own words. If you copy material from assigned or unassigned texts, be sure to use quotation marks. Also, be sure to indicate where the material came from. It is not necessary or desirable that students use unassigned readings to write the essays that are required for this class.

As required by university policy, I will report suspected cases of plagiarism/cheating to the Office of Academic Integrity. Cheaters will face both administrative sanctions imposed by their college Dean of Student Affairs and academic sanctions imposed by me.
SCHEDULE OF CLASSES

Introduction
Sept. 23: Course Overview

Week One
Sept. 28 - Republican America
Sept. 30 - Discussion

“The Problem of Luxury: The Sans Souci Club”
McCoy, Elusive Republic, 5-75

Week Two
Oct. 5 - Jefferson and Slavery
Oct. 7 - Republican Art

Reading: McCoy, Elusive Republic, 76-104
Stansell, City of Women, x-37

Week Three
Oct. 12 – Time, Work-Discipline, and Drinking in Early America
Oct. 14 - The Workers Republic

Reading: Stansell, City of Women, 41-129, 171-192

Week Four
Oct. 19 - The Making of the Middle Class
Oct. 21 – Perfectonist Religion

Reading: Johnson and Wilentz, Kingdom of Matthias
Electronic Reserves: Davis, ed., Excerpt from C.C. Finney
Davis, ed., C. Beecher and Mrs. Graves

Week Five
Oct. 26 - Native Americans and the Problem of Christian Sympathy
Oct. 28 - Abolitionism
Reading: Johnson and Wilentz, *Kingdom of Matthias*


Week Six

Nov. 2 - Midterm
Nov. 4 - Transcendentalism

Reading: Electronic Reserves: Emerson, “Self Reliance”

Week Seven

Nov. 9 - The World the Slaves Made
      PAPERS DUE!!
Nov. 11 - The Proslavery Argument

Reading: Jacobs, *Incidents*

Week Eight

Nov. 16 - Discussion: Harriet Jacobs
Nov. 18 - Minstrelsy in Antebellum Urban Commercial Culture

Reading: Stowe, *Uncle Tom’s Cabin*

Week Nine

Nov. 23 - *Uncle Tom’s Cabin*
Nov. 25 - HAPPY THANKSGIVING – Holiday

Reading: Stowe, *Uncle Tom’s Cabin*

Week Ten

Nov. 30 – “Free Labor” and the West
Dec. 2 - The Limits of Free Labor Ideology

Reading: Stowe, *Uncle Tom’s Cabin*

Foner, *Free Soil, Free Labor, Free Men* (Ch.1)

Electronic Reserves: Davis, ed. “The Discovery of Cultural Polarities”