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**COURSE SYLLABUS  
AND  
INSTRUCTOR PLAN**

**United States History I**

**HIST 1301**

**Vince Clark**

**This is a sixteen week Blended/Hybrid Class****COVID 19 Notice:**

McLennan Community College is committed to providing you with every resource you need to reach your academic goals. We are also concerned for your safety. We are working through COVID-19 guidelines to make sure we offer a safe environment for you and our faculty. This will include smaller class sizes to manage social distancing and proper cleaning techniques. You will have the advantage of a physical classroom experience but may also need to work part of the time online as we adjust to limited classroom capacity. This will also allow us the flexibility to move online if so directed by federal, state and/or local COVID 19 guidelines. Faculty and staff are preparing now to ensure that you have the best experience in the midst of these uncertain times.

**Course Description:**

A survey of the social, political, economic, cultural, and intellectual history of the United States from the pre-Columbian era to the Civil War/Reconstruction period. United States History I includes the study of pre-Columbian, colonial, revolutionary, early national, slavery and sectionalism, and the Civil War/Reconstruction eras. Themes that may be addressed in United States History I include: American settlement and diversity, American culture, religion, civil and human rights, technological change, economic change, immigration and migration, and creation of the federal government. Semester Hours 3 (3 lec)

**Prerequisites and/or Corequisites:**

Prerequisite: Must have passed the reading section of the THEA or approved alternative test or credit for READ 0302.

**Instructor Information:**

Instructor Name: Vince Clark

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Office Phone Number: 254-299-8957

Office Location: MAC 308

Office/Instructor Conference Hours: MTWTH 7:30 a.m. – 8:00 a.m., or by appointment.

**Required Text & Materials:**

Title: Give Me Liberty

Author: Foner

Edition: 6th edition

Publisher: Norton

ISBN: 978-0-393-44594-7

Title: Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass

Author: Douglass

Edition:

Publisher: Bedford St. Martin's

ISBN: 9780312257378

[MCC Bookstore Website](#)

**Methods of Teaching and Learning:**

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Live lectures also posted as podcasts, reading, and online essay exams.

#### **Course Objectives and/or Competencies:**

##### **Learning Outcomes**

Upon successful completion of this course, students will:

1. Create an argument through the use of historical evidence.
  2. Analyze and interpret primary and secondary sources.
  3. Analyze the effects of historical, social, political, economic, cultural, and global forces on this period of United States history.
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1. Critical Thinking --To evaluate social, political, economic and cultural evidence (such as documents and data) and carefully apply reason (through either qualitative or quantitative analysis) to independently and creatively arrive at a decision about what to believe and how to act. This thinking may then be used to apply ideas to new contexts and problem solving.
  2. Cultural and Social Understanding—To possess an awareness, understanding, and appreciation of the interconnectedness of the social and cultural dimensions and diversities within and across local, regional, state, national, and global communities.
  3. Theory - Learners will be able to define basic concepts and theoretical perspectives in Sociology and interpret how they are used in sociological explanation of social behavior.
  4. Social Structure and Inequality - Learners will be able to analyze the social inequality inherent in the social structure, institutions, and stratification systems of a society, as well as understand how social identities such as race, class, gender, age, and ethnicity contribute to a range of social experiences and social perspectives.

#### Course Calendar

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| Week One:   | Attend class, listen to lectures, participate in discussion, and prepare for next exam. |
| Week Two:   | Attend class, listen to lectures, participate in discussion, and prepare for next exam. |
| Week Three: | Attend class, listen to lectures, participate in discussion, and prepare for next exam. |
| Week Four:  | Attend class, listen to lectures, participate in discussion, and prepare for next exam. |
| Week Five:  | Attend class, listen to lectures, participate in discussion, and prepare for next exam. |

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- Week Six: Attend class, listen to lectures, participate in discussion, and prepare for next exam.
- Week Seven: Attend class, listen to lectures, participate in discussion, and prepare for next exam.
- Week Eight: Attend class, listen to lectures, participate in discussion, and prepare for next exam.
- Week Nine: Attend class, listen to lectures, participate in discussion, and prepare for next exam.
- Week Ten: Attend class, listen to lectures, participate in discussion, and prepare for next exam.
- Week Eleven: Attend class, listen to lectures, participate in discussion, and prepare for next exam.
- Week Twelve: Attend class, listen to lectures, participate in discussion, and prepare for next exam.
- Week Thirteen: Attend class, listen to lectures, participate in discussion, and prepare for next exam.
- Week Fourteen: Attend class, listen to lectures, participate in discussion, and prepare for next exam.
- Week Fifteen: Attend class, listen to lectures, participate in discussion, and prepare for next exam.
- Week Sixteen: Final exam week. Please check the final exam schedule on the MCC website.

### **Course Grading Information:**

There will be four tests over the lecture and reading material. Each of the tests will count as 25% of the class grade and will cover only the material assigned since the previous exam.

This course will adhere to the following grading scale:

90-100	= A
80-89	= B
70-79	= C
60-69	= D
-59	= F

The total number of points from all of the four tests translates into the following scale at the end of the semester:

360 points	= A
320-359	= B
280-319	= C
240-279	= D
-239	= F

**Late Work, Attendance, and Make Up Work Policies:**

1. My past students who did not miss class performed better on exams. I realize, however, there are valid excuses for missing class. I would appreciate it if you would talk to me before you miss a class on those occasions when you know you are going to be absent. When a situation arises in which you are not able to see me before you miss class, please talk to me about the reason for your absence as soon thereafter as you are reasonably able.
2. If you have to miss class, be sure and get a copy of the lecture notes from a classmate. If you have any questions about the material you missed, do not hesitate to come see me **after you get the notes.**
3. If you have to miss a test, I will allow you to make it up if you have a valid excuse for being absent and if you see me as soon as possible about your reasons for missing the test.
4. As a courtesy to your classmates and me, do your best to be in class on time. If you are late to class, it is your responsibility to sign the roll sheet.

*For specific dates for this course's assignments and exams, please refer to the Calendar for this course on Brightspace when class begins.*

*The syllabus is subject to change, but changes will be announced in advance in class and on the Brightspace "Announcement Page" for this course.*

**\* Click Here for the MCC Academic Integrity Statement**  
([www.mclennan.edu/academic-integrity](http://www.mclennan.edu/academic-integrity))

The link above will provide you with information about academic integrity, dishonesty, and cheating.

**\* Click Here for the MCC Attendance/Absences Policy**  
(<https://www.mclennan.edu/highlander-guide/policies.html>)

Click on the link above for the college policies on attendance and absences. Your instructor may have additional guidelines specific to this course.

***\* You will need to access each link separately through your Web browser (for example: Mozilla Firefox, Chrome, Microsoft Edge or Safari) to print each link's information.***

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## ACADEMIC RESOURCES/POLICIES

### **Student Support/Resources:**

MCC provides a variety of services to support student success in the classroom and in your academic pursuits to include counseling, tutors, technology help desk, advising, financial aid, etc. A listing of these and the many other services available to our students is available at <http://www.mclennan.edu/campus-resource-guide/>

College personnel recognize that food, housing, and transportation are essential for student success. If you are having trouble securing these resources or want to explore strategies for balancing life and school, we encourage you to contact a success coach by calling (254) 299-8226. Students can visit the Completion Center Monday-Friday from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. to schedule a meeting with a success coach and receive additional resources and support to help reach academic and personal goals. Paulanne's Pantry (MCC's food pantry) provides free food by appointment to students, faculty and staff based on household size. Text (254) 870-7573 to schedule a pantry appointment. The Completion Center and pantry are located on the Second Floor of the Student Services Center (SSC).

### **MCC Foundation Emergency Grant Fund:**

Unanticipated expenses, such as car repairs, medical bills, housing, or job loss can affect us all. Should an unexpected expense arise, the MCC Foundation has an emergency grant fund that may be able to assist you. Please go to <https://www.mclennan.edu/foundation/scholarships-and-resources/emergencygrant.html> to find out more about the emergency grant. The application can be found at [https://www.mclennan.edu/foundation/docs/Emergency\\_Grant\\_Application.pdf](https://www.mclennan.edu/foundation/docs/Emergency_Grant_Application.pdf).

### **Minimum Technical Skills:**

Students should have basic computer skills, knowledge of word processing software, and a basic understanding of how to use search engines and common web browsers.

### **Backup Plan for Technology:**

In the event MCC's technology systems are down, you will be contacted/notified through your MCC student email address. Please note that all assignments and activities will be due on the date specified in the Instructor Plan, unless otherwise noted by the instructor.

\* [Click Here for the Minimum System Requirements to Utilize MCC's D2L|Brightspace](https://www.mclennan.edu/center-for-teaching-and-learning/Faculty%20and%20Staff%20Commons/requirements.html)  
(<https://www.mclennan.edu/center-for-teaching-and-learning/Faculty%20and%20Staff%20Commons/requirements.html>)

Click on the link above for information on the minimum system requirements needed to reliably access your courses in MCC's D2L|Brightspace learning management system.

**Email Policy:**

McLennan Community College would like to remind you of the policy (<http://www.mclennan.edu/employees/policy-manual/docs/E-XXXI-B.pdf>) regarding college email. All students, faculty, and staff are encouraged to use their McLennan email addresses when conducting college business.

A student's McLennan email address is the preferred email address that college employees should use for official college information or business. Students are expected to read and, if needed, respond in a timely manner to college emails.

**Instructional Uses of Email:**

Faculty members can determine classroom use of email or electronic communications. Faculty should expect and encourage students to check the college email on a regular basis. Faculty should inform students in the course syllabus if another communication method is to be used and of any special or unusual expectations for electronic communications.

If a faculty member prefers not to communicate by email with her/his students, it should be reflected in the course syllabus and information should be provided for the preferred form of communication.

**Email on Mobile Devices:**

The College recommends that you set up your mobile device to receive McLennan emails.

**Forwarding Emails:**

You may forward the emails that come to your McLennan address to alternate email addresses; however, the College will not be held responsible for emails forwarded to an alternate address that may become lost or placed in junk or spam filters.

**Accommodations/ADA Statement**

Any student who is a qualified individual with a disability may request reasonable accommodations to assist with providing equal access to educational opportunities. Students should contact the Accommodations Coordinator as soon as possible to provide documentation and make necessary arrangements. Once that process is completed, appropriate verification will be provided to the student and instructor. Please note that instructors are not required to provide classroom accommodations to students until appropriate verification has been provided by the Accommodations Coordinator. Instructors should not provide accommodations unless approved by the Accommodations Coordinator. For additional information, please visit [mclennan.edu/disability](http://mclennan.edu/disability).

Students with questions or who require assistance with disabilities involving physical, classroom, or testing accommodations should contact:

[disabilities@mclennan.edu](mailto:disabilities@mclennan.edu)

254-299-8122

Room 319, Student Services Center

\* [Click Here for more information about Title IX](http://www.mclennan.edu/titleix)  
([www.mclennan.edu/titleix](http://www.mclennan.edu/titleix))

We care about your safety, and value an environment where students and instructors can successfully teach and learn together. If you or someone you know experiences unwelcomed behavior, we are here to help. Individuals who would like to report an incident of sexual misconduct are encouraged to immediately contact the Title IX Coordinator at

[titleix@mclennan.edu](mailto:titleix@mclennan.edu) or by calling Dr. Drew Canham (Chief of Staff for Equity & Inclusion/Title IX) at 299-8645. Individuals also may contact the MCC Police Department at 299-8911 or the MCC Student Counseling Center at MCC by calling 299-8210. The MCC Student Counseling Center is a confidential resource for students. Any student or employee may report sexual harassment anonymously by visiting the following website: <http://www.lighthouse-services.com/mclennan/>.

McLennan's Title IX webpage (<http://www.mclennan.edu/titleix/>) contains more information about definitions, reporting, confidentiality, resources, and what to do if you or someone you know is a victim of sexual misconduct, gender-based violence or the crimes of rape, acquaintance rape, sexual assault, sexual harassment, stalking, dating violence, or domestic violence.

*\* You will need to access each link separately through your web browser (for example Mozilla Firefox, Chrome, Microsoft Edge, or Safari) to print each link's information.*