Political Science 110EA: American Political Thought from Foundation to Civil War

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Email policy: Email should never be used for substantive historical or philosophical issues. THAT IS
WHY WE HAVE OFFICE HOURS. On the other hand, if you need to set up an appointment you are
welcome to do so via email.

Textbooks (for purchase at the UCSD Bookstore):
The Essential Federalist and Anti-federalist Papers (Hackett, 2003), Ed. David Wooten.
Walden and civil disobedience (Simon & Schuster, 2004), Henry David Thoreau
The Portable Abraham Lincoln, (Penguin Classics; 2009).
Union and liberty, John C. Calhoun (Liberty Fund Inc., 1992)
Africans in the Americas: A History of the Black Diaspora. (The Blackburn Press 2002); Coniff, Michael I
and David, Thomas J.,

All texts are required.

Grading:
First paper – 30%
Second paper – 35%
Final – 20%
Research report – 5%
Quiz – 5%
Attendance – 5%

Plagiarism policy:
Any and all plagiarism will be prosecuted to the full extent of university policy.

Extension policy:
One extension will be granted on either the first or the second paper. The extension must be requested IN
WRITING (NOT EMAIL) on or before the paper due date. Extension is good for ONE CLASS session
only (i.e. if the paper is due on Monday, the extension will give you until Wednesday).

All other policies policy:
Grandma die? Dog eat your homework? A note from the doctor or the vet solves all of these kinds of
problems. No note, no leniency.

Weekly Schedule:
Week One: Intro to political theory and American political thought.
Monday, Jan 4.: Intro to the class.
Wednesday, Jan 6: Foundation
   Views on the Founding.
   American Exceptionalism.
Friday, Jan 8: Foundation (continued).
Reading for week one: Tocqueville, Democracy in America pp. 11-26, 36-115; Locke, Fundamental
Constitutions of Carolina.

Week Two: Race and the American Founding.
Monday, Jan. 11: American exceptionalism (revisited).
Wednesday Jan. 13: Race and American politics
Friday, Jan. 15: Introducing Your First Paper
Choice of Debates.

Note to the class: take your Wooten Federalist and Anti-federalist home with you and really ‘get to know’ it.

Reading for week two: Africans in the Americas Chapters 1, 2, 3, 5, 7, 8, 10; Tocqueville Democracy in America ‘The Future of the Three Races’, pp. 370-478.

Week Three: Federalist and Anti-federalist: a second founding?
Monday, Jan, 18 – Holiday.
Wednesday, Jan 20: Federalist and Anti-federalist.
Friday, Jan 22: Federalist and Anti-federalist in light of Tocqueville, Locke, and Montesquieu.
   Reading for week three: Federalist and Anti-federalist Papers. Wooten, “Introduction”; Anti-federalists, p. 1-96; Federalist numbers 1, 2, 3, 6, 9, 10, 23, 37, 47, 48, 51, 55, 62, 63, 70, 78, 85.

Week Four: From Foundation to pre-Civil War American society.
Monday, Jan. 25: Paper review and discussion.
   Roundtable on race, statehood, and federalism.
Wednesday, Jan. 27: Introduce Calhoun and the southern society. First paper due.
Friday, Jan. 29: More on Calhoun and the South.
   Reading: Calhoun, Union and Liberty: pp. 3-67; 81-95; 273-80; 511-21.

Week Five: From the South to the North.
Monday, Feb. 1: Calhoun and Southern society.
Wednesday, Feb. 3: How to do research. Attendance required.
Friday, Feb 5: Thoreau and the North.
   Reading: Calhoun and Thoreau. Finish Calhoun; begin Thoreau. Civil disobedience (entire); Walden (TBD); Tocqueville 559-565, 576-582.

Week Six: The North.
Monday, Feb. 8: Thoreau and a project.
Wednesday, Feb. 10: More Thoreau.
Friday Feb. 12: Research report due.
   Reading: Finish Thoreau.

Week Seven: The West.
Monday, Feb. 15: Holiday.
Wednesday, Feb. 17: Calhoun/Thoreau quiz. Western movement.
Friday, Feb. 19: A primer on California history.
   NO READING WEEK 7.

Week Eight: Work on projects and presentations. Research workshops, attendance required.
   NO READING WEEK 8.

Week Nine: Civil War and Lincoln.
Monday, March 1: Second paper due. Introduce Lincoln and the Civil War.
Wednesday, March 3: Civil War.
Friday, March 5: Civil War.
   Reading: Lincoln, the Portable Lincoln, pp. Introduction, ix-xxvii; 17-150

Week Ten: Civil War to Civil Rights: a third and fourth founding?
Monday, March 8: Final lecture.
Wednesday, March 10: Roundtable on equality and liberty.
Friday March 12. Last day of class.
   Reading: Lincoln, 193-240; 305-329; Tocqueville 583-648.

Final Exam: Wednesday, March 17th. 8-11 AM in Center 119.