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Oral Examination List
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What Is Early America?

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Joyce E. Chaplin, "Expansion and Exceptionalism in Early American History," *Journal of American History* 89, no. 4 (2003): 1431–55

Jack P. Greene, *Pursuits of Happiness: The Social Development of Early Modern British Colonies and the Formation of American Culture* (1988)

Richard Hofstadter, *America at 1750* (1971)

D. W. Meinig, *The Shaping of America: Volume 1 Atlantic America, 1492-1800* (1986)

Alan Taylor, *American Colonies* (2001)

Frederick Jackson Turner, *The Significance of the Frontier in American History* (1893)

Primary Documents

Cabeza de Vaca, *Narrative*

Richard Hakluyt, *Discourse on Western Planting*

John Winthrop, *A Modell of Christian Charity*

Mary Rowlandson, *The Sovereignty and Goodness of God*

The Diary of Landon Carter

Alexander Hamilton, *A Gentleman's Progress*

Thomas Jefferson, *Notes on the State of Virginia*

Thomas Paine, *Common Sense*

The Declaration of Independence

J. Hector St. John de Crevecoeur, *Letters from an American Farmer*

The Federalist Papers

Benjamin Franklin, *The Autobiography of Benjamin Franklin*

The U.S. Constitution

Susannah Rowson, *Charlotte Temple*

Alexis de Tocqueville, *Democracy in America*

Crossings

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David Armitage, "Three Concepts of Atlantic History," *British Atlantic World* (2002)

Bernard Bailyn, *Atlantic History: Concept and Contours* (2005)

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Alfred Corsby, *The Columbian Exchange: Biological and Cultural Consequences of*

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- Philip D. Morgan, "The Caribbean Islands in Atlantic Context, circa 1500-1800," in Felicity A. Nussbaum, ed., *The Global Eighteenth Century* (2003), 52-64
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Meetings

- Joyce E. Chaplin, *Subject Matter: Technology, the Body, and Science on the Anglo American Frontier, 1500-1676* (2001)
- William Cronon, *Changes in the Land: Indians, Colonists and the Ecology of New England* (1983)
- Alfred W. Crosby, "Virgin Soil Epidemics as a Factor in the Aboriginal Depopulation in America" *William and Mary Quarterly* 33, no. 2 (April 1976): 289-299
- Philip J. Deloria, "Historiography," Deloria and Salisbury, eds., *A Companion to American Indian History* (2002)
- John Demos, *The Unredeemed Captive: A Family Story from Early America* (1994)
- Inga Clendinnen, *Ambivalent Conquests* (1987)
- Karen Ordahl Kupperman, *Indians and English* (2000)
- Andrés Reséndez, *A Land So Strange: The Epic Journey of Cabeza de Vaca* (2007)
- Daniel K. Richter, *Facing East from Indian Country: A Native History of Early America* (2001)
- Neal Salisbury, "The Indians' Old World: Native Americans and the Coming of Europeans," *William and Mary Quarterly* 53, no. 3 (Jul., 1996): 435-458
- Neal Salisbury, *Manitou and Providence: Indians, Europeans, and the Making of New England, 1500-1643* (1982)
- Peter Silver, *Our Savage Neighbors: How Indian War Transformed Early America* (2007)
- Richard White, *The Middle Ground: Indians, Empires, and Republics in the Great Lakes Region, 1650-1815* (1991)

Settling

- Jon Butler, *Awash in a Sea of Faith: Christianizing the American People* (1990)
- Richard Bushman, *The Refinement of America: Persons, Houses, Cities* (1992)
- Carl Bridenbaugh, *Cities in the Wilderness: the First Century of Urban Life in America, 1625-1742* (1938)
- John Demos, *A Little Commonwealth; Family Life in Plymouth Colony* (1970)
- David Hackett Fischer, *Albion's Seed: Four British Folkways in America* (1989)
- David Hall, *Worlds of Wonder, Days of Judgment: Popular Religious Belief in Early New England* (1989)
- Rhys Isaac, *The Transformation of Virginia, 1740-1790* (1982)
- Allan Kulikoff, *Tobacco and Slaves: The Development of Southern Cultures in the Chesapeake, 1680-1800* (1986)
- Karen Ordahl Kupperman, *The Jamestown Project* (2007)

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New England's Errand

Paul S. Boyer and Stephen Nissenbaum, *Salem Possessed* (1974)

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Cornelia Dayton, *Women Before the Bar: Gender, Law, and Society in Connecticut, 1639-1789* (1995)

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Stephen Innes, *Creating the Commonwealth: The Economic Culture of Puritan New England* (1995)

Jane Kamensky, *Governing the Tongue* (1997)

Carol F. Karlsen, *The Devil in the Shape of a Woman: Witchcraft in Colonial New England* (1987)

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Joyce Goodfriend, *Before the Melting Pot: Society and Culture in Colonial New York City, 1664–1730* (1992)

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Barry Levy, *Quakers and the American Family: British Settlement in the Delaware Valley* (1988)

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A. G. Roeber, *Palatines, Liberty and Property: German Lutherans in Colonial British America* (1993)

Seth Rockman, *Scraping By: Wage Labor, Slavery, and Survival in Early Baltimore* (2008)

David Waldstreicher, *Runaway America* (2004)

Slavery

- Ira Berlin, *Many Thousands Gone: The First Two Centuries of Slavery in North America* (1998)
- Vincent Brown, *The Reaper's Garden: Death and Power in the World of Atlantic Slavery* (2007)
- Trevor Burnard, *Mastery, Tyranny, and Desire: Thomas Thistlewood and His Slaves in the Anglo-Jamaican World* (2004)
- Bruce Dain, *Hideous Monster of the Mind: American Race Theory in the Early Republic* (2002)
- Rhys Isaac, *Landon Carter's Uneasy Kingdom: Revolution and Rebellion on a Virginia Plantation* (2004)
- Edmund S. Morgan, *American Slavery, American Freedom* (1975)
- Philip D. Morgan, *Slave Counterpoint: Black Culture in the Eighteenth-Century Chesapeake & Lowcountry* (1998)
- Stephanie E. Smallwood, *Saltwater Slavery: A Middle Passage from Africa to American Diaspora* (2007)
- Peter H. Wood, *Black Majority: Negroes in Colonial South Carolina from 1670 through the Stono Rebellion* (1974)

Women and Gender

- Kathleen Brown, *Good Wives, Nasty Wenches, and Anxious Patriarchs: Gender, Race, and Power in Colonial Virginia* (1996)
- Joan Gunderson, *To Be Useful to the World: Women in Revolutionary America, 1740-1790* (1996)
- Linda Kerber, *Women of the Republic: Intellect and Ideology in Revolutionary America* (1980)
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- Alfred Young, *Masquerade: The Life and Times of Deborah Sampson, Continental Soldier* (2004)

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- Joyce Appleby, *Inheriting the Revolution: The First Generation of Americans* (2000)

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- Gary Nash, "Social Change and the Growth of Prerevolutionary Urban Radicalism," in *Race, Class, and Politics: Essays on American Colonial and Revolutionary Society* (1986), 211-242
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- Charles Beard, *An Economic Interpretation of the Constitution of the United States* (1913)
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Eric Slauter, *The State as a Work of Art: The Cultural Origins of the Constitution* (2008)

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Richard D. Brown, *Knowledge is Power*

Cathy Davidson, *Revolution and the Word*

Annette Gordon-Reed, *The Hemingses of Monticello*

Jane Kamensky, *The Exchange Artist*

Jeffrey Pasley, *The Tyranny of Printers*

Alan Taylor, *William Cooper’s Town*

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Shane White, *Somewhat More Independent*

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