

ECONOMIC HISTORY OF THE U

people. The project will be due in class Tuesday November 24, 2009.

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Required Reading

Jeremy Atack and Peter Passell, *A New Economic View of American History*, 2nd Ed.
Linda Barrington, ed. *The Other Side of the Frontier: Economic Explorations into Native American History*.

These books are available in the bookstore. They will be supplemented by journal articles and other readings which are available either through E-journals or on reserve in the Norlin.

TOPICS

1. **Introduction: Thinking about Long-Run Economic Growth**

Atack and Passell (A & P), ch. 1

Daron Acemoglu, Simon Johnson and James A. Robinson, "Colonial Origins of Comparative Development" **American Economic Review** (2001): 1369-1401

Mel Watkins, "A Staple Theory of Economic Growth," **Canadian Journal of Economics and Political Science**, 1963, 29, pp141-158.

2. **Colonial Economy and the Revolution:**

A. Indentured Servitude: The Market for Moving People to America

A & P, pp 40-51

David Galenson, *Markets in History*, ch. 2

Farley Grubb, "The Statutory Regulation of Colonial Servitude," **Explorations in E** Please re

Issues at the Constitutional Convention of 1787,” **Journal of Economic History**,
(March 1986)

3. **The Other Side of the Frontier: Native American Issues**

Jared Diamond, *Guns, Germs and Steel*, ch. 8, ch. 9 and ch. 10

Linda Barrington, ed, *Other Side of the Frontier*, Editor’s Introduction

Ann Carlos and Frank Lewis, "Indians, the Beaver, and the Bay: The Economics of Depletion in the Lands of the Hudson's Bay Company, 1700-1763," **Journal of Economic History**, 53, September 1993, pp. 465-494.

David Wishart, “Evidence of Surplus Production in the Cherokee Nation Prior to Removal”, **Journal of Economic History**, vol. 55, no. 1, March 1995, pp. 120-38.

Frank Tough, “Indian Economic Behaviour, Exchange and Profits in Northern Manitoba During the Decline of Monopoly, 1870-1930, **Journal of Historical Geography**, 16, 1990, pp. 385-401.

McChesney, Fred S. “Government as Definer of Property Rights: Indian Lands, Ethnic Externalities, and Bureaucratic Budgets.” **The Journal of Legal Studies**, 19, June 1990.

4. **Revolution to the Civil War:**

A. The Transportation Revolution

A & P, ch. 6, and ch. 16

Douglas Puffert, “The Standardization of Track Gauge on North American Railways, 1830-1890,” **Journal of Economic History** 60 (December 2000)

B. Industrialization and Northern Agriculture

A & P, ch. 5 and ch. 10

Richard Pomfret, “The Mechanization of Reaping in Nineteenth-Century Ontario: A Case Study in the Pace and Causes of Diffusion of Embodied Technical Change” **Journal of Economic History**, June 1976.

C. Southern Agriculture and Slavery

A & P, ch. 11 and ch. 12

Richard Steckel, “A Peculiar Population: The Nutrition, Health and Mortality of American Slaves from Childhood to Maturity.” **Journal of Economic History** 46 (1986c).

5. **The Civil War to the First World War**

A. Southern Reconstruction

A & P, ch. 14

Gavin Wright, *Old South, New South*, ch. 2 and ch. 3

Lee J. Alston and Robert Higgs, “Contractual Mix in Southern Agriculture since the Civil War: Facts, Hypothesis and Tests” **Journal of Economic History**, 42 (1981)

B. The Rise _____