Due to the increasingly technological nature of our society, I find it necessary to address the issues of cell phones in class. Please turn off all of these electronic devices before coming to class, as they are disruptive to the learning environment and distracting to other students. Thank You.

I also need to address tardiness to class in a more formalized manner. Lateness is also disruptive and distracting to a positive learning experience. Constant carping on this issue both demeans the class and takes away from learning time. Therefore, I urge you, as responsible adults, to arrive to class on time ready to learn. To encourage on-time behavior, one point will be deducted from each quiz that you are tardy. This policy will start with Quiz 2. Again, your cooperation is appreciated. Thank You.

Class attendance is an important component of your learning experience. Since students are adults, a mandatory attendance policy will not be in effect for this course. However, the system of unannounced quizzes is instituted to encourage student attendance. Make-ups for quizzes will not be available, except for excused medical absences (signed by authorized medical personnel) or attendance at official university functions.

Students requesting classroom accommodations for disability issues must first register with the Office of the Dean of Students. This office will provide documentation to the student who then must provide this documentation to me. I am more than willing to do whatever is necessary to ensure an optimum learning environment for all students.

Be aware of the University’s policy on plagiarism. It can be found at http://www.dso.ufl.edu/judicial/academic.php. The Internet has made this situation more problematic but understand that plagiarists will be caught. Any questions about what constitutes plagiarism, please do not hesitate to ask. All plagiarism offenses will be reported on a Faculty Adjudication Form and forwarded to the Office of Student Judicial Affairs.

The four books for this course will be available for purchase at Goering’s Book Store, located at 1717 NW 1st Avenue, across from campus (Phone # 377-3703). They will also be available on-line. If you experience any problems in buying the books, please let me know as soon as possible. Thank you. The course books are:
1. **Created Equal** Volume 1, 3rd Edition. By Jacqueline Jones et al. 2008.- (in syllabus below, called “**Text**”)
4. **The Kingdom of Matthias**. By Paul Johnson & Sean Wilentz.

Be sure to purchase the correct volumes of the books.

**Weekly Syllabus & Readings-**

It is important that you keep up on the readings, as they will provide the base knowledge for class lectures and discussions.

**Week One-**  August 25-29
**Text-** Chapter 1 - “First Founders.”

**Week Two-**  September 1-4
**Text-** Chapter 2-“European Footholds in North America.”
**ATF-** Chapter 1 - “Serving Time in Virginia.”

**Week Three-**  September 8-12
**Text-** Chapter 3- “Controlling the Edges of the Continent.”
**ATF-** Chapter 2 - “The Visible & Invisible Worlds of Salem.”

**Week Four-**  September 15-19
**Text-** Chapter 4-”African Enslavement.”
**Read:** **New York Burning**.

**Week Five-**  September 22-26
**Text-** Chapter 5- “An American Babel.”

**Week Six-**  September 29-October 3
**Text-** Chapter 6- “The Limits of Imperial Control.”

**Week Seven-**  October 6-10
**Text-** Chapter 7- “Revolutionaries at War.”
**ATF-** Chapter 3 - “Declaring Independence.”

**Week Eight-**  October 13-17-  No readings- STUDY for the exam!!
**Midterm Exam-**  Thursday, October 16th- class period
Week Nine - October 20-24
  **Text**- Chapter 8- “New Beginnings.”

Week Ten - October 27-31
  **Text**- Chapter 9- “Revolutionary Legacies.”

Week Eleven- November 3-7
  **Text**- Chapter 10- “Defending & Expanding the New Nation.”
  **ATF**- Chapter 4- “Material Witness.”

Week Twelve- November 10-14
  **No class Tuesday, November 11- Veteran’s Day**
  **Text**- Chapter 11- “Society & Politics in the ‘Age of the Common Man’.”
  **Read**- The Kingdom of Matthias.
  **Paper Due**- Thursday, November 13th.

Week Thirteen- November 17-21
  **Text**- Chapter 12- “Peoples in Motion.”
  **ATF**- Chapters 5 & 6- “Jackson’s Frontier- & Turner’s” and “The Invisible Pioneers.”

Week Fourteen- November 24-28
  **No class- Thursday, November 28th- Thanksgiving**
  **Text**- Chapter 13- “The Crisis over Slavery.”
  **ATF**- “The Madness of John Brown.”

Week Fifteen- December 1-5
  **Text**- Chapter 14- “‘To Fight to Gain a Country’.”
  **ATF**- “The View from the Bottom Rail.”

Week Sixteen- December 8-10
  **Text**- Chapter 15- “Consolidating a Triumphant Union.”
  **Last Day of Class- Wednesday- December 10.**

**Final Exam- Monday, December 15th- 10 AM to 12 noon in our classroom**