Marquette University  
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Suggested Reading List for  
MA Exams in Early United States History

**Important Historiographic Collection:**  
Foner, Eric. *The New American History*

**COLONIAL:**  
**Recommended Synthesis:**  Taylor, Alan, *American Colonies: The Settling of North America.*

Berkin, Carol. *First Generations: Women in Colonial America*  
Berlin, Ira. *Many Thousands Gone: The First Two Centuries of Slavery in North America*  
Brown, Kathleen. *Good Wives, Nasty Wenches, and Anxious Patriarchs: Gender, Race, and Power in Colonial Virginia*  
Calloway, Colin. *New Worlds for All: Indians, Europeans, and the Remaking of Early America*  
Cronon, William. *Changes in the Land*  
Greene, Jack. *Pursuits of Happiness*  
Greven, Philip. *Four Generations: Population, Land and Family in Colonial Andover, Massachusetts*  
Gutierrez, Ramon. *When Jesus Came the Corn Mothers Went Away*  
Isaac, Rhys, *The Transformation of Virginia*  
Morgan, Edmund, *American Slavery American Freedom*  
Norton, Mary Beth. *Founding Mothers & Fathers: Gendered Power and the Forming of American Society*  
Richter, Daniel. *Facing East from Indian Country: A Native History of Early America*  
White, Richard, *The Middle Ground*

**REVOLUTION/EARLY REPUBLIC:**

**Recommended Synthesis American Revolution:** Robert Middlekauf, *The Glorious Cause: The American Revolution, 1763-1789*  
**Recommended Synthesis Early Republic:** Gordon Wood, *Empire of Liberty: A History of the Early Republic, 1789-1815*

Bailyn, Bernard. *Ideological Origins of the American Revolution*  
McCoy, Drew. *The Elusive Republic*
Nash, Gary. *The Urban Crucible: The Northern Seaports and the Origins of the American Revolution*
Sellers, Charles. *The Market Revolution*
Taylor, George Rogers. *The Transportation Revolution*
Ulrich, Laurel Thatcher. *A Midwife's Tale: The Life of Martha Ballard, Based on Her Diary, 1785-1812*
Wilentz, Sean. *Chants Democratic: New York City and the Rise of the American Working Class, 1788-1850*
Wood, Gordon. *Creation of the American Republic*
Young, Alfred, *The Shoemaker and the Tea Party*

**ANTEBELLUM:**


Boyer, Paul. *Urban Masses, Moral Order*
Feller, Daniel. *The Jacksonian Promise: America, 1815 to 1840*
Genovese, Eugene. *Roll Jordan Roll*
Levine, Lawrence. *Black Culture and Black Consciousness*
Litwack, Leon. *North of Slavery*
Walters, Ronald. *American Reformers, 1815-1860*