

HSTA 460: Montana and the West
Fall 2012

Class: M W F 12.00-12.50
Room: Herrick Hall 313
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Hours: M.W.F 11.00-11.40, and by appointment

The course will examine the history of Montana through several themes, including:

- the place of Montana in the history of the western United States and Canada,
- conflicts over control of the land and wealth of Montana,
- major economic activities that shaped settlement and livelihoods,
- the historical content of local landscapes: esp. in Bozeman and on the MSU campus,
- the presence of history in current news topics,
- the region portrayed and explained in maps.

Required Texts: There is no general text for the course.

1. Linderman, *Pretty-shield: Medicine Woman of the Crows*.
2. Stegner, *Wolf Willow: A History, a Story, and a Memory of the Last Plains Frontier*.
3. Lehman, *Bloodshed at Little Bighorn: Sitting Bull, Custer, and the Destinies of Nations*.
4. Malone, *James J. Hill: Empire Builder of the Northwest*.
5. Walker, *Winter Wheat*.

WORK AND EVALUATION: For each full book 1, 3, 4, and 5 (above), associated lectures, and selected chapters of book 2, there will be either an essay exam or a short paper, with each exam or paper worth 22% of the course grade. An additional 11% of the course grade will be based on the best 5 of 7 unannounced Wednesday quizzes and polls. For each quarter of the course a study guide will list themes and questions, from which the topic of the paper or exam will be derived. Note potentially useful material from readings and lectures; all written work will require specific references and citations. You will be encouraged to write and explain with accuracy, clarity, and brevity. For borderline final course grades, attendance and improvement during the course will be considered.

MISSED, LATE WORK, to avoid a grade penalty: **Keep me informed.** For anticipated absences, make arrangements before. For unexpected absences, leave a message on day of exam or paper due.

Readings, assignments, &c. The readings should be **completed** by the dates indicated.

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| 4 | Mon Sept 17: <i>Pretty-shield; Wolf Willow</i> part II, ch. 1-4; first exam |
| 8 | Mon Oct 15: <i>Bloodshed at Little Bighorn; Wolf Willow</i> part II, ch. 5-9; first paper due (topic assigned by Mon Oct 8) |
| 12 | Wed Nov 14: <i>James J. Hill; Wolf Willow</i> part IV, ch. 1-3 and Epilogue; second exam |
| 15 | Fri Dec 7: <i>Winter Wheat; Wolf Willow</i> part III, ch 1 and part IV, ch. 4; second paper due (topic assigned Fri Nov 30) |

HOLIDAYS, no class: Mon Sept 3, Mon Nov 12, Wed-Fri Nov 21-23.