

History 180
Survey of U.S. History
Spring 2019

"History is what the present chooses to remember about the past." Carl L. Becker, American historian

"The only obligation we have to history is to rewrite it. " Oscar Wilde

Review for Midterm III
Date of exam: Thursday, April 25, 2019 7:00pm-8:15pm

Things to bring: a examination book and a working pen!

This exam consists of one in-class essay of about 400 words and bonus questions. There will be no multiple-choice questions this time.

The essay will be drawn from ONE of the following topics.

1. In reference to the portion of the film *Gone with the Wind* (1939, Victor Fleming) viewed in class, write an essay on the film's viewpoint regarding the period of Reconstruction, paying close attention to the issue of race and class. What is the film's perspective of the Northerners? Southerners? Freed slaves?
2. In reference to the film *12 Years a Slave* (2013, Steve McQueen), write an essay on the film's viewpoint regarding slavery in the Antebellum South. How did the system affect both male and female slaves and male and female slave owners?
3. How would you apply Becker's and/or Wilde's quotations above to the two films? In other words, how do the films "choose to remember" the Antebellum South and the period of Reconstruction, and how do they rewrite history?