

HSTR 230A | Canada to Confederation
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This course is designed to provide students with a broad survey of the history of Canada through Confederation in 1867. It will provide the foundation for upper level courses in more specialized aspects Canadian history. Through a combination of lectures, discussions and written assignments, students will become familiar with the political, cultural, economic, environmental and social history of early Canada. Moreover, students will be introduced to a wide range of historical sources, both secondary and primary, and will get a taste of a variety of different ways of approaching the study of the past.

Tuesdays and Wednesdays will be devoted to lectures; Friday classes will take the form of small group discussions on historical interpretations, and workshops on historical research, writing and analysis.

In addition to articles and documents that will be available on CourseSpaces, there is one required book for the course available for purchase at the bookstore.

⇒ Afua Cooper, *The Hanging of Angelique: The Untold Story of Canadian Slavery and the Burning of Old Montreal* Harper, 2006.

The written work for the course includes four short assignments that are based on the workshops, and a research essay in which students will use a variety of different sources to make an argument. It is due at the beginning of class on 19 November. Essays will be approximately 2000 words.

There are two tests on material covered in the class. One is written in-class on 13 October, the other is written during the final exam period.

The final grade for the course will be calculated as follows:

Discussion group contributions	15%
Workshop assignments	20% (4 x 5%)
Research essay	30%
Mid-term exam	15%
Final exam	20%