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Welcome & Office Hours



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Anderson Academy: HIST 201 B

United States History to 1877



The ‘B’ stands for Brief: An overview + 6 short lectures.

Outcomes



How colonies became a republic.



How the Constitution settled (and left open) great questions.

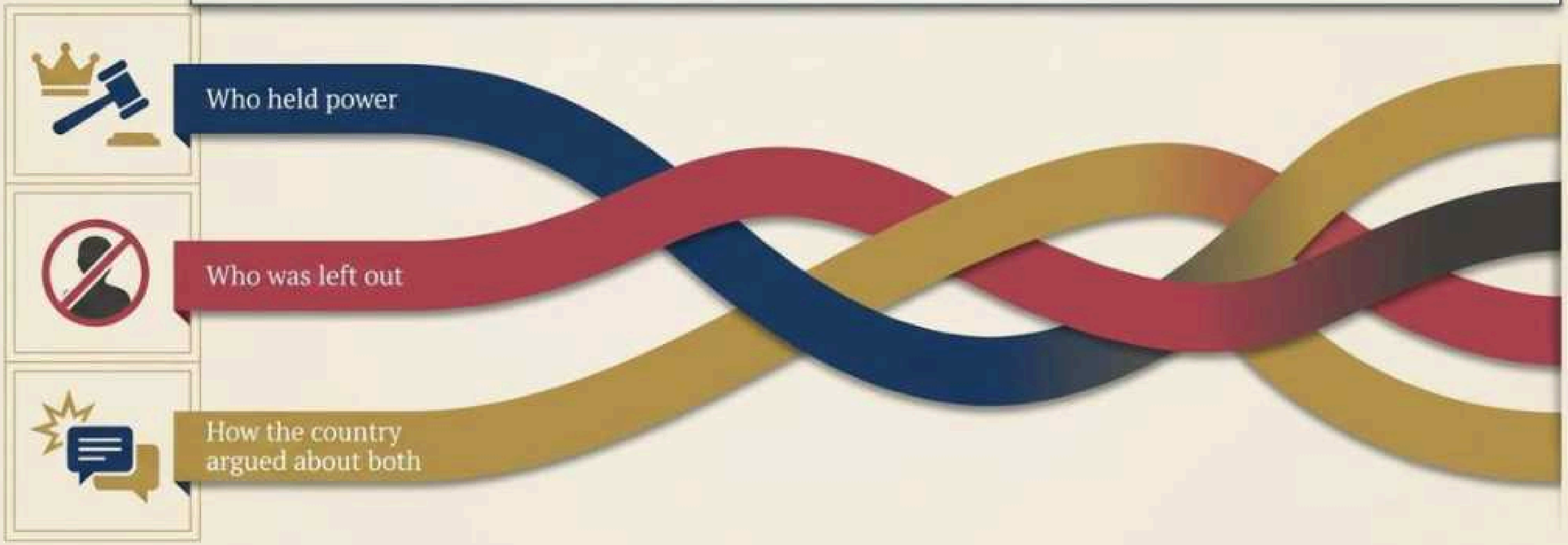


How slavery and war shaped the nation.

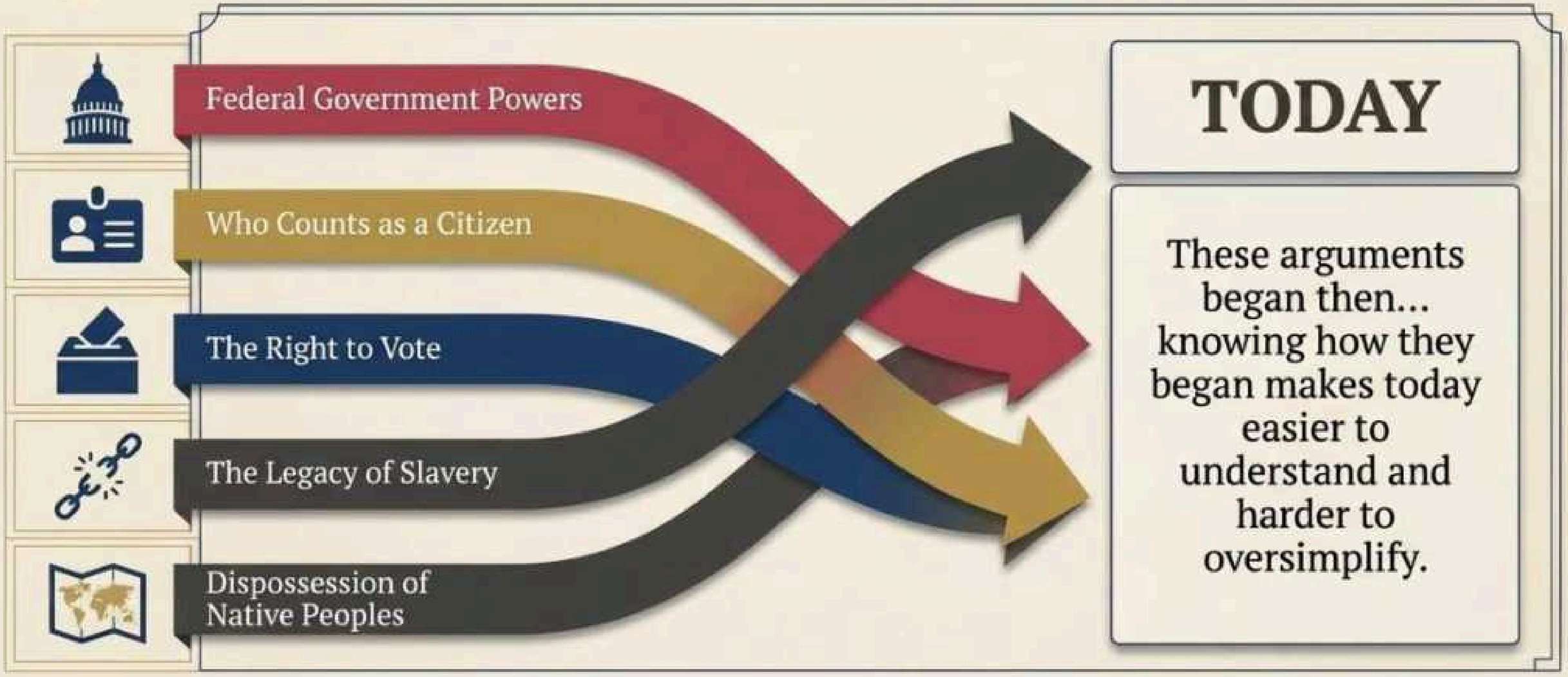
0.3 The Scope & The Threads

Pre-European Native Societies

1877 (End of Reconstruction & Federal Troop Withdrawal)



0.4 Why Learn It? The Past is Present.



0.5 Course Map: The Early Years

Lecture 1

Native America & First Arrivals (Up to founding of Jamestown).

Lecture 2

The Colonial Period (1607–1763) -> English colonies, growth of slavery, wars for empire.

Lecture 3

Revolution & Constitution -> Independence and the framing of the republic.

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Course Map: Expansion & Conflict

Lecture 4

The Early Republic (Washington–1828) -> Parties, Louisiana Purchase, War of 1812, market economy.

Lecture 5

Jackson to 1850 -> Indian removal, reform, abolition, Texas, War with Mexico.

Lecture 6

The Breaking Point -> Road to Civil War, the war itself, and Reconstruction.

0.7 The Three Big Ideas



0.8 Ground Rules for History



Historians' Records: Events are described exactly as recorded; disagreements between historians are explicitly flagged.



Estimates Used: Figures for populations and casualties are inherently estimates because primary sources differ.



Strategic Omissions: A one-hour course cannot cover everything—much must be purposefully left out to maintain clarity.

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The Map, Not the Territory

Prerequisites:
None required.
Come as you are.

Philosophy:
This course provides the structural map; the actual historical territory is vast.



Next Steps:
Each lecture recommends specific books for those wishing to dive deeper into the territory.

0.10 Mechanics: How to Study

Navigation

Every paragraph is numbered.



Lecture 3, Paragraph 5

Practice

Pause frequently and try exercises yourself.

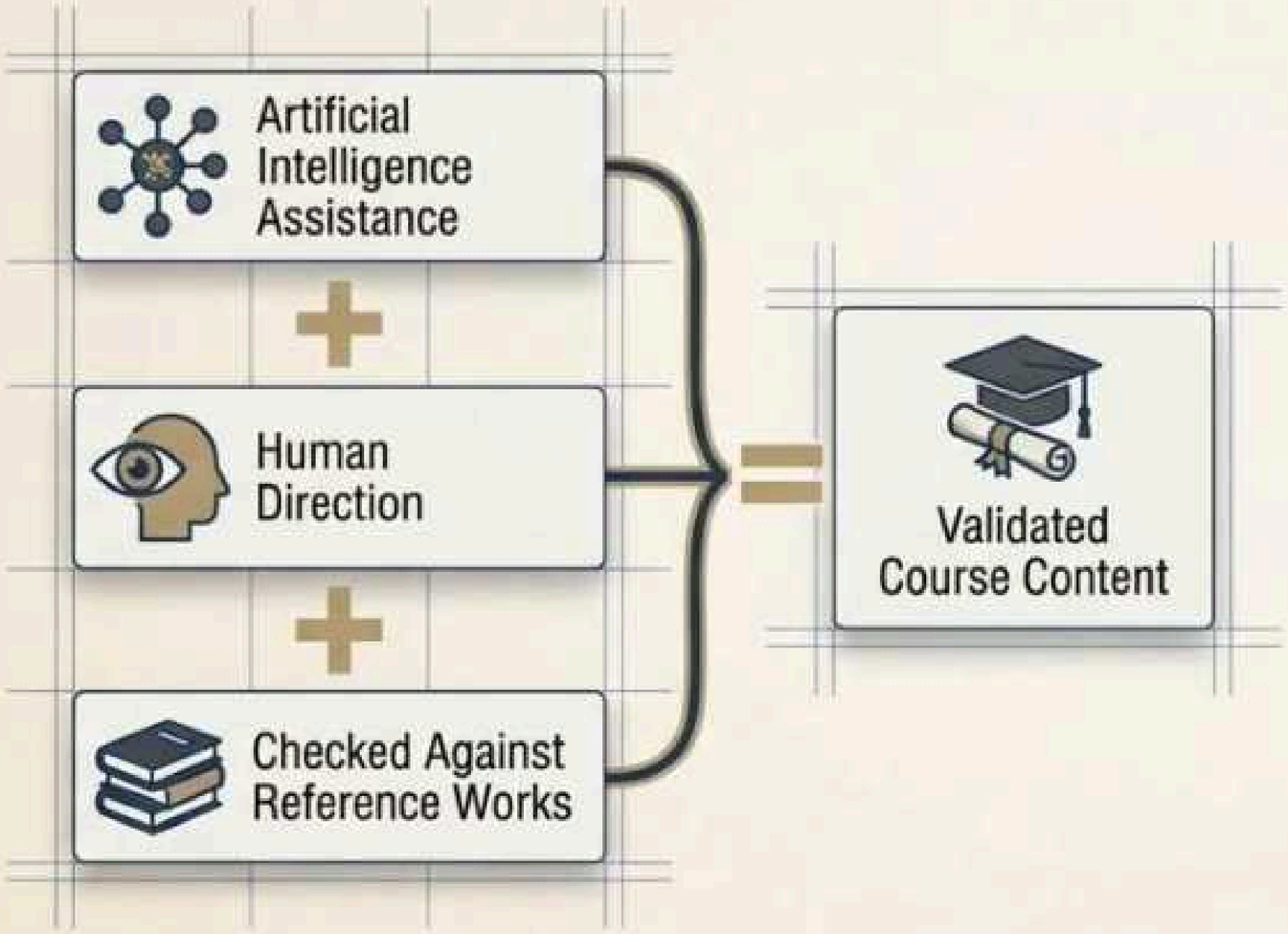
Quizzes

5 questions per lecture. Answers link directly back to the specific numbered paragraphs.

Finals

A 50-question final exam + a Tripos paper consisting of 6 essay questions paired with model answers.

0.11 Course Development & Accuracy



Found an error? Tell us!

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Use the paragraph number to report issues directly.

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Open Line for Feedback

Feedback Portal

Questions, feedback, or error reports are **always** welcome as you progress through the course.





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NOW LOADING

Lecture One

The peoples of North America before 1492,
and the arrival of Europeans.

