

Fire In American Society (Spring 2016)

Week	Class Dates	Class Title	Topics / Tours	Microcosms	Assignments + Tests: Read each Chapter before Class.
1	1-20-16	Introduction / Syllabus / Course Expectations "Settlement of Jamestown"	Colonization of the New World, building construction, fire destruction of villages. Town Meeting, laws enacted etc.	-Syllabus and Schedule -Accountability and expectations -Settlement of Jamestown	**Get required Text: Fire Duty by Don Whitney** CURRENT EVENTS 1
2	1-27-16	1650s: Settlement of American and the problem ensuing	Casco Bay, Metacomet Attacks, Witch Trials. Fire Engine Workhorse (video)	-problems facing settlers in regards to natives and fire -discussion of Blackened Shield reading	CURRENT EVENTS 2 Fire Engine Paper
3	2-3-16	1700s: Our Forefathers and Fire	Ben Franklin, Tea Party, Fire Wards, Paul Revere, Leather Hose, 1837 Conflagration	-introduction to fire wards, and our forefathers in relation to firefighting	CURRENT EVENTS 3
4	2-10-16	Fire Museum Tour!	(On Site Learning) -Fire Museum Tour Meet at Museum @1:30 with Lt Whitney	Antique Fire Equipment and its Application /Use	**Get text if haven't already** Reflections Paper: Fire Museum Tour
5	2-17-16	Local Firefighting and the rise in conflagrations	Western Expansion, Yarmouth, Dr William Channing and Civil War (1804-1867)	-the conflagration of Boston, Chicago, Baltimore and their effect	CURRENT EVENTS 4 Fire Duty: 1-27
6	2-24-16	Conflagrations in the Midwest and Theatre Fire	The Great Chicago Fire, Peshtigo, and the Iroquois Theatre Fire (1871-1903)	-Triangle Shirtwaist and the loss of life ensuing	CURRENT EVENTS 5 Fire Duty: 28-50
7	3-2-16	Changes for the American worker come from the deaths of innocent people.	Lakeview School, Triangle Shirtwaist and Changes for the American Worker (1908-1911)	-deadly nightclub fires of the mid 1900s	CURRENT EVENTS 6 Fire Duty: 51-104
8	3-9-16	Fire at the Grove: 492 Killed	Rhythm Nightclubs Fire (1940) Cocoanut Grove in Boston. Issues with egress. What we know? What we can learn? (1942)	-Serious egress issues plague the U.S. killing people in every corner of the country	CURRENT EVENTS 7 ***Midterm***
	3-16-16	NO	CLASS	SPRING	BREAK
9	3-23-16	Fire Under the Big Top!	Hartford Circus Fire and the Winecoff Hotel Fire (1944-1946), End of World War 2	End of World War 2 and the effects of fire in Hartford, CT	CURRENT EVENTS 8 Fire Duty: 104-130
10	3-30-16	Our Lady of Angels *Special guest: Professor Willis	Our Lady of Angels, Chicago, IL (1958)	Human vs Environmental vs Fire Behavior factors and ensuing code changes	CURRENT EVENTS 9 Fire Duty: 131-148

11	4-6-16	Bellflower St., BHSC Fire	Bellflower Street, Boston Beverly Hills Supper Club and the “illegal speakeasy” fire behavior anomaly (1964-1977)	Modern day conflagration in Boston = same reasons as 400 years prior?	CURRENT EVENTS 10 Fire Duty: 149-172
12	4-13-16	“Many died while holding their glass” and “Many died asleep in their beds”	Happyland Social Club Fire, NY (1990) MGM Grand Fire (1980)	Arson kills many over jilted lover. Modern day building construction (HVAC) and code negligence lead to deaths in MGM Grand.	CURRENT EVENTS 11 Fire Duty: 172-213
13	4-20-16	Would you believe me if I told you, “this job could kill you?”	Special Guest*: Steve Beaudin, LFD (retired) Audio: 3-26-14, Boston Fire Audio (Walsh-Kennedy)	-Historically, deaths and injuries of Firefighters while doing their jobs	CURRENT EVENTS 12 Fire Duty: 214-end
14	4-27-16	9-11-2001: Attack on America	Documentary on 9-11 (2001) and the Station Nightclub Fire (youtube video)	-American under attack -Fire behavior of the Station	CURRENT EVENTS 13
15	5-4-16	On Site Learning: Walking Tour through Portland with Lt. Whitney	Walking Tour through the Old Port: Building Construction, Fire Prevention, Hazards?	On Site Learning and Observations	CURRENT EVENTS 14 Reflection Paper: Walking Tour Observations
16	5-11-16	Final Exam: Last Class	Administer final exam, questions/comments/concerns, evaluations	-presentations of capstones	END