

Spring 2024 Syllabus

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Fateful Documents

1st week: The Mayflower Compact (1620)

2nd week: Eli Whitney's patent for the cotton gin (1794)

3rd: Seneca Falls Women's Declaration of Sentiments in 1848 (Women's Suffrage)

4th week: Lincoln's Emancipation Declaration (1863)

5th week: Margaret Sanger's pamphlets on birth control (1914)

6th week: Einstein's letter to FDR (1942)

7th week: Martin Luther King, Jr's Letter from Birmingham Jail (1963)

8th week: Surgeon General Koop's pamphlet on AIDS (1988)