

## **HIS 211 Podcast Analysis: Ben Franklin's World – A Podcast About Early American History**

\*\*\*Due Monday, February 17 by 12:00PM.

Choose one of the episodes of the Ben Franklin's World podcast listed below, listen to the episode, and write a double-spaced **2-3 page** analysis of the episode. Please use **Times New Roman, 12 point font**, and standard **one inch margins**.

Ben Franklin's World podcast episodes can be found online at this website:  
<https://www.benfranklinsworld.com/category/podcast/> .

You can also find Ben Franklin's World as an app on the App Store and Google Play.

As a reminder, Students can borrow equipment to use in course projects—including iPads—by visiting the Jackson Library Checkout Desk (for more information, see [https://library.uncg.edu/services/technology\\_checkout.aspx#iPads](https://library.uncg.edu/services/technology_checkout.aspx#iPads)).

Post your analysis to Canvas by noon on Monday, February 17, 2020.

### **Paper Length and Formatting:**

- Your analysis should be between **two** and **three** pages in length.
- Your analysis should have a separate cover page with your name, the date, and the course and section number.
- Please use 12 point, Times New Roman font, standard 1 inch margins, and double-space your paper. Since this paper has a length requirement, please be sure that you have removed the space after paragraphs. Include your name at the top of the first page, and be sure to include page numbers. You should refer to the Chicago Manual of Style for any citations.

### Questions to Consider for Analysis:

- What is the main argument of the book discussed?
- What question is the historian trying to answer?
- How did they decide to tackle that question? (Think about the sources the author uses, the approach they take, etc.)
- Why do they think their project changes our understanding of early American history in important ways?
- What gets left out in this author's book/this episode?

Episode Choices:

- #037: Kathleen Duval, *Independence Lost: Lives on the Edge of the American Revolution*
- #120: Marcia Zug, *A History of Mail Order Brides in Early America*
- #137, Erica Dunbar, *The Washington's Runaway Slave, Ona Judge.*
- #176, Daina Ramey Berry, *The Value of the Enslaved from Womb to Grave.*
- #196, Alejandra Dubcovsky, *Information & Communication in the Early American South.*
- #198, Andrew Lipman, *The Saltwater Frontier: Native Americans and Colonists on the Northeastern Coast.*
- #144, Robert Parkinson, *The Common Cause of the American Revolution.*
- #94, Cassandra Good, *Founding Friendships.*
- #145, Rosemarie Zagarri, *Mercy Otis Warren and the American Revolution.*
- #113, Brian Murphy, *Building the Empire State.*
- #90, Caitlin Fitz, *Age of American Revolutions.*
- #173, Wendy Warren, *New England Bound: Slavery in Early New England.*
- #255, Martha S. Jones, *Birthright Citizens*
- #178, Karoline Cook, *Muslims & Moriscos in Colonial Spanish America*
- #142, Manisha Sinha, *A History of Abolition*
- #078, Rachel Shelden, *Washington Brotherhood: Politics, Social Life, and the Coming of the Civil War*
- #072, Ari Kelman, *The American Civil War*
- #063, Megan Kate Nelson, *Ruin Nation: Destruction and the American Civil War*
- #042, Heather Cox Richardson, *A History of the Republican Party*