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**Hillsdale College Launches New, Free Online Course:  
“American Heritage – From Colonial Settlement to the Current Day”**

*10-week course examines the history of America and its founding principles*

Hillsdale, Mich. – Registration is open for Hillsdale College’s open for a new online course, “American Heritage—From Colonial Settlement to the Current Day.” The free, not-for-credit, 10-week course considers the history of America from the colonial era to the present, including major challenges to America’s founding principles.

“Hillsdale’s mission is inextricably tied to America’s founding documents and the principles in them,” said Larry P. Arnn, president of Hillsdale College and lecturer for two of the course’s lessons. “If we are to understand where we are going, we must correctly understand where we came from, our heritage. This course will examine how this great nation, founded on the principle that ‘all men are created equal,’ grew into the most prosperous and powerful country in the world.”

“American Heritage” is taught by Hillsdale College Professors Larry P. Arnn, Paul Rahe, Bradley Birzer, Paul Moreno, Matthew Gaetano, and Thomas Conner. The first lecture was released Feb. 27, with new courses released every Monday.

Lesson release dates, topics and professors are:

**1. The Study of American History**

Larry P. Arnn  
February 27, 2017

**2. Colonial Settlement**

Matthew Gaetano  
March 6, 2017

**3. Enlightenment and the Great Awakening**

Paul A. Rahe  
March 13, 2017

- 4. The American Founding**  
Paul A. Rahe  
March 20, 2017
- 5. Jacksonian Democracy**  
Bradley Birzer  
March 27, 2017
- 6. The Crisis of the Union**  
Paul Moreno  
April 3, 2017
- 7. Western Expansion and the Rise of American Industry**  
Bradley Birzer  
April 10, 2017
- 8. Progressivism**  
Paul Moreno  
April 17, 2017
- 9. America as World Power**  
Thomas H. Conner  
April 24, 2017
- 10. Post 1960s America**  
Larry P. Arnn  
May 1, 2017

Hillsdale College offers a catalog of free online courses taught by its faculty in subjects ranging from the Constitution to Winston S. Churchill, education, economics, and public policy. More than 1.2 million students have generated more than 1.7 million unique course enrollments since the program launched in fall 2011.

For more information or to register for “American Heritage,” visit [online.hillsdale.edu/dashboard/courses](http://online.hillsdale.edu/dashboard/courses).

#### **About Hillsdale College**

Hillsdale College, founded in 1844, has built a national reputation through its classical liberal arts core curriculum and its principled refusal to accept federal or state taxpayer subsidies, even indirectly in the form of student grants or loans. It also conducts an outreach effort promoting civil and religious liberty, including a free monthly speech digest, *Imprimis*, with a circulation of more than 3.5 million. More information available at [Hillsdale.edu](http://Hillsdale.edu).

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