

If you're thirsty for more

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In my senior year in high school, we read *The Great Gatsby*. I was much taken with F. Scott Fitzgerald, so I bought a collection of other of his works, with the plan to read them as soon as the school year was out. Summer came, the family headed up from muggy Summer-in-the-City NY, to the ancestral camp near Back River on the lower Sheepscot, and I never opened the book.

Moral of the story: our course is heading for its grand finale. IF you are fired up to keep swimming in Hamiltonian-Shakespearean waters, rather than something closer to the Sheepscot, Penobscot, Kennebec, or Damariscotta, here are some options. Speaking from my own history, I can hardly complain if you choose something more salty or piney, but if you do want to pursue any of these topics in more depth (and have fun doing it), here are links to various web items I found in preparing for this course, arrayed under various topics.

I don't agree with everything in them (can't, since they don't all agree with each other), but I found them useful in coming to a better understanding of the various issues we've been discussing. In addition to these, as I mentioned in class today, I suggest you take a look at the items already up on the web page, under the Classes 6, 7, and 8 headers. Those tend to be the choicer items. And perhaps also renew your acquaintance with the "Resources" document under the *General Resources* header on the web page.

Needless to say, there's cosmically more out there on *Hamilton* (and Hamilton), and *Henry V* (and Shakespeare) than I offer here.

In addition to the links, I'm providing a few PDFs of articles that are only available by subscription, or other forms of limited-access to the sites, attached to the email with this document.

On comparing *Hamilton* and Shakespeare

<https://www.thewinedarksea.com/2016/10/26/hamilton-american-tragedy/>

<https://www.pbs.org/wnet/gperf/lin-manuel-miranda-bard-era/5437/>

<https://www.thewinedarksea.com/2016/11/05/hamilton-another-hamlet/>

<https://medium.com/@rachelbsinger/hamilton-and-shakespeares-histories-436cc2a6af71>

<https://medium.com/action-is-eloquence-re-thinking-shakespeare/they-think-me-macbeth-ambition-is-my-folly-considering-fatal-flaws-in-lin-manuel-miranda-s-a581ab3c4121>

***Hamilton* and 1776**

PDF: a compilation of articles comparing the two musicals

On reactions to *Hamilton* (political, artistic, cultural)

<https://www.fusionmagazine.org/hamilton-the-musical-and-political-reception-of-art/>

<https://ncph.org/history-at-work/hamilton-the-musical-blacks-and-the-founding-fathers/>

The author, Annette Gordon-Reed, is the historian who documented Jefferson's relationship with Sally Hemings.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cH-74jKEkU0>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=476-srhPG5M>

Freeman is a historian of early America, a Hamilton scholar in particular (among other things), who edited the Library of America collection of his writings, and a study of the obsession with honor in the early decades of the country. She's a very lively lecturer.

<https://stream.org/conservatives-love-hamilton/>

https://digitalcommons.bucknell.edu/fac_journ/1517/

<https://www.cambridge.org/core/journals/theatre-survey/article/being-in-the-room-where-it-happens-hamilton-obama-and-nationalist-neoliberal-multicultural-inclusion/203F76B1800B7398A7E761B103441DB9>

<https://www.cambridge.org/core/journals/new-theatre-quarterly/article/abs/who-tells-your-story-narrative-theory-public-memory-and-the-hamilton-phenomenon/3980C448BDE159291A36C06B0A067F8C>

<https://scholarlypublishingcollective.org/uip/am/article-abstract/36/4/412/260481/Hamilton-and-History-Musicals>

<https://www.insidehook.com/article/arts-entertainment/how-hamilton-musical-changed-american-politics>

<http://www.aspeers.com/sites/default/files/pdf/weiher.pdf>

<https://www.quora.com/What-do-conservatives-think-of-the-musical-Hamilton>

<https://www.leftvoice.org/why-hamilton-is-the-most-right-wing-musical-on-broadway/>

PDF: Alexander Hamilton as Immigrant: Musical Mythology Meets Federalist Reality

On the German production of *Hamilton* (first foreign translation, which opened October, 2022)

<https://www.stage-entertainment.de/musicals-shows/hamilton-hamburg/mash-up-Video>

PDF: Review of German version, and article on the challenges of translation

Hamilton (the person) and slavery

PDF: Article refuting certain claims that Hamilton personally held or traded in slaves

“American System” and “American Plan” economic theory and practice

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/American_System_\(economic_plan\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/American_System_(economic_plan))

The programs that grew out of Hamilton’s efforts over the next decades, as embodied especially in Kentucky Representative and Senator Henry Clay (who was also Secretary of State under John Quincy Adams)

[file:///C:/Users/REW/Documents/REW%20documents/OLLI/REW%20classes/Class%20Shake-Hamilton%20\(2022-2023\)/Hamilton/American%20System/What%20Is%20the%20American%20System%20-%20American%20System%20Now.htm](file:///C:/Users/REW/Documents/REW%20documents/OLLI/REW%20classes/Class%20Shake-Hamilton%20(2022-2023)/Hamilton/American%20System/What%20Is%20the%20American%20System%20-%20American%20System%20Now.htm)

A short explanation of the economic policy program (and underlying philosophy) pioneered by Hamilton, by a modern partisan

Interviews with principals: Miranda and collaborators, Chernow, etc.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=msGSYZPCUZA>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=U9s2K5UjTKs>

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XeQx6ZCn_dU

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yCEtUP5w5Y0>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1R5dKwvtjlg>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zeA1DwnI20Y>

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7q_0CIFH_8A

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aJ_hAuv0aM8

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XsXlbf5gJ1Y>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=l6cLX9aTjQc>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=50vDxtBUDaQ>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Sq-M0GhIeDk>