Main Themes:
1. How the staple crop economy helped the South create a diverse and unique culture.

2. The nature of the South’s "peculiar institution" and the effect it had on the southern way of life for both whites and blacks.

Objectives: [You should be able to explain each of these in some detail]
1. The staple crop economic system and how it shaped commercial life in the Old South.

2. The Old South’s "colonial dependency" and why it did little to change it.

3. The role of the planter in the southern social and economic system.

4. The role of the "Southern Lady" in the Old South.

5. Who the "plain folks" were and their significance in the Southern social order.

6. The role of an enslaved people in the Southern social and economic system.

7. The various ways in which slaves resisted slavery.

8. The ways African Americans developed their own, separate culture, and how it helped sustain them under slavery.

9. The continuing historical debate over the South, its "peculiar institution," and the effects of enslavement on African Americans.