

HISTORY 1110

INTRODUCTION TO WORLD HISTORY

Fall 2009

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Office Hours: To Be Announced

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

A thorough survey course covering from pre-historic to modern times, in both western and non-western worlds. Topics include: the rise of civilization; political, social and economic developments of the Middle Ages; the Renaissance and era of discovery; the growth of democracy and nationalism; the industrial revolution; and the two world wars. Postwar problems and recent developments will also be studied.

COURSE OBJECTIVES:

After completing the course, students will be able to:

- Utilize the tools of a historian to explain past events.
- Explain the relationship between geography and certain historical developments.
- Discuss the impact of major trends like nationalism and industrialization on world events.
- Describe in limited detail major events throughout world history.
- Express ideas in a clear and logical fashion
- Understand why certain civilizations or societies became more developed in specific historical time periods, and how certain civilizations fell behind or declined over time

REQUIRED TEXTBOOK:

Bentley, Jerry, Herbert Ziegler, and Heather Street. Traditions and Encounters: A Brief Global History. McGraw-Hill Publisher, 2008.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS:

Attendance	10%
Class Participation & Map Quizzes	20%
Midterm	30%
Final Exam	40%

90-100	A
80-89	B
70-79	C
60-69	D
0-59	F

In evaluating a student's performance, consideration will be given to improvement over the course of the semester. All students are responsible for maintaining academic integrity regarding all class work during the course. Please review the Kennesaw State University policy on academic integrity: <http://ksuweb.kennesaw.edu/~shagin/080820academicintegrity.pdf>

SCHEDULE OF CLASS MEETINGS AND READINGS

Week 1	Introduction and Prehistory Prehistory, primary and secondary sources Paleolithic Neolithic Revolution Development of agriculture, complex societies, emergence of civilizations <u>Traditions and Encounters</u> , Chapter 1 Nile River Valley Political History of Egypt Old Kingdom, Middle Kingdom, New Kingdom Role of Egyptian Pharaohs in Society Origin of Monotheism: Hebrews and Judaism Chapter 2
Week 2	Mesopotamia Fertile Crescent Sumerians, Hammurabi and Babylonian Empire, Hittites Mesopotamian Culture and Society Chapter 1, Pages 8-23 Persian Empire Chapter 5
Week 3	East Asia China: Xia & Shang Dynasties, Oracle Bones Zhou Dynasty: Mandate of Heaven Confucianism Daoism Legalism Chapter 6 Unification of China under the Qin Dynasty Han Dynasty Film: "Mandate of Heaven" Chapter 6

Week 4	<p>South Asia Indian Subcontinent Indus Valley Civilization Hinduism Buddhism Chapter 7 Map Quiz #1: Identify Key Places and Locations of the Ancient Middle East and Asia</p> <p>Ancient Greece Sparta and Athens: The City States Greco-Persian Wars Plato, Socrates, Greek Philosophers Peloponnesian War Alexander the great Chapter 8</p>
Week 5	<p>The Roman Empire Monarchy, the Early Republic Late Republic: Punic Wars, Hannibal Julius Caesar, Augustus Early Empire to Late Empire Christianity in the Roman Empire Chapter 8</p> <p>Cross-Cultural Encounters The Silk Roads Emergence of Empires and Trade Routes Spread of religions: Christianity, Islam, Buddhism Fall of classical empires Chapter 9</p>
Week 6	<p>The Chinese Empire The Warring States Sui Dynasty Tang Dynasty: The Golden Age of Chinese Civilization Song Dynasty Chapter 12</p> <p>Formation of Christianity in Europe Split of Roman Empire Byzantine Empire Early Middle Ages Late Middle Ages The Crusades Chapter 10</p>

- Week 7
- The Islamic World
 - Muhammad
 - Teachings of Islam
 - Sunni and Shia Split
 - Chapter 11

 - Africa
 - Trans-Saharan Trade and African Empires
 - Ghana
 - Mali
 - Songhay
 - Chapter 16
- Week 8
- Midterm Exam in Class
 - Midterm Will Cover Materials From First Half of the Course

 - Mongol Empire
 - Genghis Khan
 - Mongol Conquest of Eurasia
 - Chapter 15
- Week 9
- Ming and Qing China
 - Ming: The Restoration of the Han Ethnicity in Power
 - Qing: The Rise and Fall of the Last Chinese Dynasty
 - Chapter 24

 - Film: “The Two Coasts of China”
 - Map Quiz #2: Identify Key Places in Middle Ages Europe, Islamic World And Asia
- Week 10
- European Transformation
 - The Black Death and Hundred Years’ War
 - The Renaissance
 - Reformation, Martin Luther, John Calvin, Henry VIII,
 - Chapter 21

 - Pre-Columbian America
 - Mayans
 - Aztecs
 - Incas
 - Chapter 18, Pages 317-327
- Week 11
- The Beginning of European Colonization
 - Portugal’s Overseas Colonies

Spanish Colonization of the Americas
Dutch Traders
Chapters 20, 22

Modern Political Revolutions
The American Revolution
The French Revolution
Impacts of Political Revolutions: Nationalism, Liberalism
Chapter 26

Week 12

The Industrial Revolution
18th Century England
Urbanization
Innovations, Machines, Exploitation of Natural Resources
Chapter 27

Independence in the Americas
The United States
Canada
Mexico
Latin America
Chapter 28
Map Quiz #3: Identify areas of European colonization

Week 13

The Age of Imperialism
Economic, Political, Cultural Imperialism
The Domination of Western Powers
Colonies in Asia, Africa, the Pacific, Caribbean
Chapter 29

The Fall of the Manchu Qing Dynasty in China
The Emergence of Japan as a Regional Power in Asia
Communist Revolution in Czarist Russia
The Formation of the Soviet Union
Chapters 30, 31, 32

Week 14

World War I
Balance of Power, Alliance Systems, Nationalism, Self-Determination,
Aftermath of Treaty of Versailles
Inter-War Years and The Great Depression
Chapter 30

World War II
The Axis Powers and the Allies
Rise of Fascism in Italy, Nazism in Germany
War in the European and Pacific Fronts

Chapter 33
Map Quiz #4: Identify World War I & World War II Battlegrounds

Week 15

Post World War II Developments
The Emergence of the United States and Soviet Union as Global
Super Powers
The Cold War
Communist Revolution in China
Japan's Industrialization
Chapter 34

Final Exam in Class
Final Exam Will Cover Materials From Second Half of the Course

Attendance: Class attendance is mandatory and students will sign the class roll for each class. If a student is sick, has a family emergency, or any other valid excused absence, please email the instructor beforehand. Excused absences with documentation will not be penalized in the student attendance grade. Unexcused absences will result in the student losing points for class attendance.

Class Participation: A large part of this course involves active student participation. Class discussions will be held where students will voice their own opinions, viewpoints, and perspectives about world history, important events, and why things happened the way it did. Students are encouraged to ask questions following lectures, and contribute actively to class discussions.

Map Quizzes: Map quizzes will be given four times in class. Quizzes will test the students' knowledge of important places, locations, people, and historical timelines. Students will be expected to identify countries and capital cities on the maps.

Midterm and Final Exams: Essay questions will be asked on midterm and final exams. Students will need to thoroughly engage the course readings, and will be expected to defend their arguments with evidence from lectures or readings. Exams will be graded on the student's ability to think and write critically, and how well the student understood course readings. Students should be able to examine key concepts from a critical and analytical approach. Sample exam essay questions will be passed out before the midterm and final.