

History 1112: World Civilization Since 1500 **Fall 2009 T/TH 2-3:15pm**

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Course Objectives:

This semester, we will explore the major social, cultural, political, and economic themes in World history from 1500 to the Present. This class puts less emphasis on dates and figures and more focus on change over time, the cause and effects of those changes, and specifically why those changes took place. Special attention will be devoted to the historical changes and problems of economic and social development on a global scale, particularly how this development (or lack thereof) affected and affects society, culture, the status of diverse peoples, and the distribution of wealth and resources at the global level.

Learning Outcomes:

Learning outcomes for this course are as follows:

- * To provide students with an overall knowledge of World History since 1500, and how that history changed over time
- * To teach students how to analyze and understand the events and people that had significant impact on World History
- * To teach students how to make connections between course readings, materials, and lectures and how to communicate these findings in class discussions.

These learning outcomes will be assessed through the evaluation of three examinations and overall class participation.

Textbook: (on reserve in the library and in the campus bookstore)

Duiker and Spielvogel's *The Essential World History*. Vol II: Since 1500. Library Textbook Course Reserve Password is 173473

Course Requirements and Evaluation

Exams: 80%

You will have three exams over the course of the term, with each exam consisting of roughly 27% of your final grade. Each exam will consist of 35 multiple choice questions and 6 short answer identification. Study guides will be posted on line a few weeks before the date of the exam to help you in your exam preparation, and a study session will be held the last thirty minutes of the class before the date of the exam. Each exam will begin at the start of class. If you are more than 15 minutes late, you will not be allowed to take the exam. ***It is your responsibility to come see me in the event that you miss an exam.*** If you miss an exam for any reason, the ***make-up exam will be essay only.*** For those of you who miss an exam for properly documented reasons, you should make arrangements with me as soon as possible for a make-up exam. If you do not have proper documentation, you will not be allowed to make up the exam. Furthermore, you have one week to make up the exam. If you do not make up the exam in one week's time, you will be given an F for that exam. If you schedule a make up exam with me but fail to show up, you will not be given another chance to make up the exam and will receive an F for the exam.

Class Participation: 20%

Although there will be class lectures throughout the semester, you will also be expected to participate in class discussion, group activities, etc on a daily basis. All reading assignments must be completed before the start of class, so that you will be ready to engage in class discussion, debate, and analysis.

Class participation is not attendance, but actual participation in the class discussion of the day.

Therefore, even if you come to class everyday, but don't say a word, you will not receive the full 20% for your class participation grade. At most, you will be given an 80. While you are expected to speak up in class and ask questions, you are also expected to respect your fellow students' opinions. I will not tolerate disrespect of any kind, and you will be asked to leave. If disruptive behavior continues, you will be asked to leave for the remainder of the course, and you will not be allowed to finish any assignments or take any exams that follow. In other words, you will fail the course.

Extra Credit:

Extra credit will be available from time to time during the course of the semester, but only in the form of assignments or tasks given by me. Extra credit opportunities offered by the University will not be accepted in this class, as they usually have little to do with the study of History. Extra Credit that has been submitted in other classes will not be accepted.

Class Policies

Cell Phones: TURN THEM OFF!!!! I'm serious. I don't want to hear it, see it, even know that it exists. If you need them on for emergency purposes, please set the ring to vibrate only. If I hear a phone ring, you will be asked to leave the class, and don't even let me catch you talking or texting on it. If you are caught talking on the phone or texting in class (even checking voice mail) you will not be allowed to return to class.

Attendance and Tardiness:

I will not be taking attendance in this class. You are all adults. Please keep in mind, however, that excessive absence will affect your class participation grade. If you aren't here, then you can't participate in the class discussion. Excessive lateness is disruptive to the class, affecting your fellow students as well as me. If for any reason, you need to leave class early, please let me know ahead of time. In short, come on time and stay for the whole class. If you miss class, I suggest you borrow notes from a classmate. My notes are not available, so please do not ask. Study groups are also encouraged, and will be of great benefit come exam time.

Academic Honesty:

I will not tolerate cheating, plagiarism, or any other form of academic dishonesty in this class, and any student found guilty will automatically receive a failing grade for the course. Any assignments given in class must be written in your own words, and will not consist of information found on the internet or from any outside source. If you plagiarize, you will receive no credit for that paper and you will be ejected from the course, and I will recommend UWG administration take action as well.

Tentative Course Outline and Readings Assignments

Please be advised that this schedule is tentative, and could change at any time.

Week 1: Introduction to course

Week 2: The Age of Exploration

Tuesday, Aug 18: The Maritime Revolution to 1550: *Chapter 13 to p377*

Thursday, Aug 20: Transformations in Europe: *Chapter 14*

Week 3: Colonial Empires

Tuesday, Aug 25: The Americas, 1530-1770: *Chap 13 to pg 377 and Chap 17 p488-490*

Thursday, Aug 27: The Slave Trade: *Chapter 13 pp 377-383*

Week 4: Atlantic Slave Systems

Tuesday, Sept 1: Slavery in the Atlantic World: *No readings--in class lecture only*

Thursday, Sept 3: CLASS CANCELLED

Week 5: Revolution and Empire

Tuesday, Sept 8: Atlantic Revolutions, 1750-1850: *Chapter 17, Chapter 18 p525-527*

Thursday, Sept 10: Africa, India, and the British Empire: *Chapter 20*

Week 6: The Non Western World

Tuesday, Sept 15: The Muslim Empires, 1500-1800: *Chapter 15*

Thursday, Sept 17: EXAM 1 Don't forget to bring a bluebook!

Week 7: Industrial Revolutions

Tuesday, Sept 22: Russia, 1500-1800: *Chapter 14 pp410-412 and Chapter 17 pp492-495*

Thursday, Sept 24: Northern Eurasia: Japan and China: *Chapter 16*

Week 8: Sept 29-Oct 1: Film and Discussion: *Raise the Red Lantern***Week 9: Industrialization and Imperialism**

Tuesday, Oct 6: The Industrial Revolution: *Chap 18 & Chap 19*

Thursday, Oct 8: Land Empires in the Age of Imperialism: *Chapter 20*

Week 10: The World at War

Tuesday, Oct 13: The 'Scramble for Africa' & World War: *Finish Chap 20, begin Chap 22*

Thursday, Oct 15: FALL BREAK. CLASS CANCELLED

Week 11: Marxism & Revolution

Tuesday, Oct 20: WWI *Chapter 22*

Thursday, Oct 22: EXAM 2 Don't forget to bring a bluebook!

Week 12: Marxism, Revolution, and World War

Tuesday, Oct 27: The Russian Revolution *Finish Chapter 22*

Thursday, Oct 29: WWII: *Chapter 24*

Week 13: The Post-War Era

Tuesday, Nov 3: The Holocaust: *Lecture only*

Thursday, Nov 5: The Early Cold War *finish chapter 24, begin 25*

Week 14: Post-War China

Tuesday, Nov 10: Revolution in China: *Chapter 22 & Chap 23*

Thursday, Nov 12: Communist China *Chapter 26 pp765-780*

Week 15: The Cold War

Tuesday, Nov 17: Korea and Vietnam *Chapter 25 728-743*

Thursday, Nov 19: The Cold War Latin America: *Chap 25 p735-737; Chap 27 p794-800*

Week 16: November 24-26: Thanksgiving Holiday Week: Classes are Cancelled.

Week 17: The End of the Cold War, The Beginning of a New Era

Tuesday, Dec 1: Crisis in the Middle East, and the End of the Cold War: Lecture Only

FINAL EXAM DEETS

Tuesday, Dec 8: 2pm in our classroom. COME ON TIME!!!

Please bring scantron Form NCS 229629 (small sheet with 100 bubbles). Please do not use scantron forms used by the Scantron Corp. They must be NCS Exam System II Forms.