World History Since 1500

History 1112
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TLC 1203
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This class will survey the history of the world from the Reformation and voyages of discovery to the present day. The course will use a comparative approach, exploring similarities and differences between regions, taking special note of interactions and exchanges between cultures as well as the lives of everyday people. Particular attention will be paid to cultural and ideological interchanges among the world’s civilizations and the evolution of the global community. Students will gain an understanding of the social forces and trends in social, religious, political, and philosophic thought that laid the foundations of the modern world and demonstrate the ability to understand the political, social, economic, or cultural dimensions of world history. Students will also demonstrate an understanding of the commonalities and differences among two or more societies, nations, or cultures outside of the United States in regard to any of the following: language, literature, aesthetics, politics, economics, or social and cultural practices. The lectures will incorporate a number of multimedia elements, including slides, film, and music.

Preparation is an integral part of class. Read the complete assignment before arriving and be prepared to discuss it in class.

Please note that tape recording of lectures is not permitted.

Please note that I do not allow student to use laptops for note taking in this class.

Grade: Your grade in this course will be assessed as follows:

Three examinations: 60%
3-5 Page essay on an assigned topic: 30%
Primary source writing assignments:10%

Exam and paper due dates are noted below. I do not accept late or electronically submitted papers.

Primary Source Writing Assignments:

On the dates indicated below students will bring to class a typewritten paragraph addressing questions regarding the primary source(s) assigned for that day. These
questions can be found on CourseDen. The primary source writing assignment portion of
your final grade will be assessed according to the number of good faith efforts (GFE) you
make to complete these assignments:

A 6 or more GFEs  
B 5 GFEs  
C 4 GFEs  
D 3 GFEs  
F 2 or less GFEs

**Required Reading:**

Peter von Sivers, et. al., *Patterns of World History*  
Peter Stearns, *The Industrial Revolution in World History*  
Christopher Browning, *Ordinary Men*

Additional Readings accessed via the online syllabus and CourseDen

**Class Website/CourseDen:**

The CourseDen page for this course is accessed via the My Courses link on the My
UWG homepage. There you can access the syllabus, download assignments and exam
review sheets, and find messages regarding the class. You must visit the online syllabus
to download the documents listed below. Print them out and bring them with you to class
on the dates listed below. Do not wait until the last minute to print these documents.
Computer error is not an acceptable excuse for not having the documents on the
assigned date.

**Statement on Plagiarism:**

Please note that anyone committing plagiarism in any written assignment will earn an F
for the course and may face further disciplinary action. Plagiarism is defined in the
University of West Georgia Handbook as “representing the words or ideas of another as
one’s own. Direct quotations must be indicated and ideas of another must be
appropriately acknowledged.” Please see the UWG’s History Department statement on
plagiarism at [http://www.westga.edu/~history/plagiarismhtm.htm](http://www.westga.edu/~history/plagiarismhtm.htm) and the UWG
English Department’s guide for avoiding plagiarism
at: [http://www.westga.edu/~engdept/Plagiarism/index.html](http://www.westga.edu/~engdept/Plagiarism/index.html).

Students, please carefully review the following information. It contains important material
pertaining to your rights and responsibilities in this class. Because these statements are
updated as federal, state, and university accreditation standards change, you should
review the information each semester.

**Course Schedule and Assignments:**

**Week 1**

8/10    Introduction

**Week 2**

8/15    Exploration and Conquest
8/17  Europe Transformed: The Reformation / Absolutism and Constitutional Monarchy
Text, 508-525
**Document:** [English Bill of Rights](#)

*Primary source writing assignment due*

**Week Three**
8/22  The Islamic Empires/Africa and the Atlantic World
Text, 469-493, 598-625, 564-597

8/24  Early Modern China and Japan
Text, 626-657

**Week Four**
8/29  Science, Enlightenment, and the Age of Reason
Text, 496-529, 673-677

8/31  The French Revolution
Text, 665-669
**Documents:** [Declaration of the Rights of Man](#), [Declaration of the Rights of Woman](#)

*Primary source writing assignment due*

**Week 5**
9/5  Revolution in the Atlantic World
Text, 662-665, 669-673, 694-725

9/7  **First Exam**

**Week 6**
9/12  The Industrial Revolution
Text, 790-813

**Documents:** Factory rules from Benck and Co. (1842) (On Course Den), Sadler Committee Report (on Course Den), Laments of the Japanese Silk Workers (on CourseDen)

*Primary source writing assignment due*

9/14  Class discussion of Stearns, *The Industrial Revolution in World History*

**Week 7**
9/19  The Age of Isms
**Document:** [The Communist Manifesto](#)

*Primary source writing assignment due*

9/21  Religion, Science, and Nationalism
Text, 815-16

Paper Option #1 Due
Week 8
9/26  Imperialism and Colonialism
Text, 822-853

Documents: The White Man’s Burden, On French Colonial Expansion, Rubber Collecting in the Congo (on CourseDen)

Primary source writing assignment due

9/28  Imperialism in Asia
Text, 728-759

Week 9
10/3  World War I
Text, 856-861, 870-872
Document: Dulce et Decorum Est

10/5  Fall Break

Week 10
10/10  Second Exam

10/12  The Russian Revolution and After
Text, 875-876

Week 11
10/17  Interwar China and Japan
Text, 885-889

10/19  Latin America and India between the Wars
Text, 873-874

Week 12
10/24  Fascism and Nazism
Text, 877-880
Document: Walter Gross, Race

Primary source writing assignment due

10/26  World War II
Text, 880-884

Week 13
10/31  Video – Apocalypse: World War II

11/2  The Holocaust
Document: Treblinka (On Course Den)
Primary source writing assignment due
Nov. 21-23 Thanksgiving Break

Week 14
11/21 Class discussion of Browning, *Ordinary Men*

11/23 The Cold War and European Unification
Text, 894-905, 931-939

Week 15
11/28 Decolonization, Communist China
Text, 911-927, 946-951

Paper Option #2 Due

11/30 Rock Music and Youth Culture

Final Exam – Tuesday 12/5, 11-1