Syllabus for History 3305/02 – MW 2:00 to 3:15 PM – SS3032
CRN 82318
Fall 2010
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Office Hours: MW 9:00 - 11:00, 3:30 – 7:30 or by appointment
Text: Keylor, A World of Nations, The International Order since 1945, 2nd edition, required. Note: you will need the second edition because the arrangement is quite different from the old first edition. Don’t get the one with the orange and yellow cover.

Course Objective
Successful completion of this course should provide the student with a basic understanding of political movements, wars, and social and cultural changes that have been part of World history since 1945. The class is based on lecture and discussion.

Withdrawals and Incompletes
The last day to withdraw from this course without penalty is October 12. However, in order to withdraw officially and receive the grade of (W), you must fill out the necessary form online. If you merely stop attending the class without notifying the Registrar, you will automatically receive an F. Only in extreme hardship cases will a student be permitted to receive a grade of W after the drop date (October 10), and only with the approval of the Registrar.
The grade of Incomplete (I) will only be given to students who have completed at least 75% of the work for the course with a grade of C or better. If for some serious non-academic reason a student is unable to complete the class the end of session one, an incomplete may be assigned. An incomplete may also be assigned if a student misses the final exam and is otherwise in good standing.

Student Behavior
All students are expected to follow the student code of conduct as stated in the Kennesaw State University Handbook; this applies to student behavior in class particularly in regard to cheating and plagiarism.

Attendance and Participation
Students are expected to attend scheduled classes. Keeping up with your reading and attending all classes is crucial to your success in this class. We will take attendance! Excessive absence will influence your grade. This includes leaving early without an extremely good reason. If a student has a valid reason for missing class, he or she must notify the professor before the absence occurs if possible. Also, no cell phone use in class!

Turnitin
The written assignments for this class must be posted to Turnitin, an anti-plagiarism website. Instructions for using Turnitin will be provided.

Exams: There will be four exams, three during the semester and the final. All exams will have short answer and essay questions.
Weight of Exams and assignments
3 exams @ 20%
Written assignment @ 20% (Four brief writing assignments, 5 points each)
Final Exam @ 20%
Total = 100%

Grade schedule as follows: 100-90, A, 89-80, B, 79-70, C, 69-60, D, 59 and under F
Class Calendar – First day of class  August 17
Exam 1  September 14
Last day to drop  October 1
Exam 2  October 12
Exam 3  November 9

Papers Due  The first three papers are due on the day of the first three exams and the fourth on the last day of class.

Last day of class  December 5
Final exam  Wednesday, December 7 2:00 – 4:00 PM

Reading Assignments by Chapter and Topic

All reading assignments are from A World of Nations
The Course and textbook is divided into two sections: The First and Second Worlds and the Third World; each section is again divided in half. The course will start off with the history of the 1st and 2nd worlds and then move on to the 3rd world.

Part One - The First and Second World,
This section begins at the end of WWII and covers the many issues that face both western and eastern Europe including the arms race, the cold war, and international rivalries. Read Keylor, Chapters 1 and 2.
August 17 – September 14
First written assignment is due September 14.

Part One continued – Détente, the fall of the Soviet Union and the rise of the European Union
This section continues the end of East/West conflict and the economic rebirth that occurs during this period as well as rapid social and cultural change. Read chapters 3, 4, and 5.
September – 16 – October 12
Second written assignment is due October 12.

Part Two – The Third World
This section looks at US Latin American relations, the problems in East Asia and the results of the Cold War in Asia. Read Chapters 6, 7 and 8.
October 14 – November 9
Third written assignment is due November 9

Part Four – The Third World Part 2, or who is running the World Now?
This section covers the conflicts in the Middle East and the problems that exist in Africa, the growing power of Asia nations and problems facing the world in the 21st century. Read Chapters 9 and 10, and the epilogue.
November 11 – December 5
Fourth written assignment due November 30

General Instructions for reading your text

You are responsible for all the chapters within each section. Concentrate on the important concepts, events and individuals in each section and know who and what they are. If you don’t know the meaning of a word or term, look it up! If you
don’t understand a concept, ask your instructor. In addition, the instructor will provide a study sheet for the exams.

Written Assignment – Source analysis

Your assignment entails selecting four scholarly articles; the articles must have footnotes so you can check their sources. You can use a journal article or you can use an article from Wikipedia. Whatever your article’s source, it must have notes and a bibliography. Chose four different articles that relate to the four different sections in your text.
The first one must deal with some aspect of history that relates to the period from the end of WWII through the development of the cold war; the second about the spread of the East-West conflict and rapid social and cultural change, the next with the end of the cold war and nationalism in Africa and Asia and finally the last with the rise of the EU, the Middle East conflict and other world problems.

Once you read your article, you are ready to look at the sources the author used and write a brief 1 – 2 page paper analyzing them and answering the following questions:

What kinds of sources does the article use?

Are some of the sources unreliable or not well-respected? Why do you think so? Are there any you are unsure of? Why?

Check 5 individual facts in the article against the sources. Are the facts reported correctly in the article you chose? If not, what is incorrectly reported?

Do you think the information in this article is generally reliable based on your analysis of the sources? Why or why not?

Based on the level of detail and accuracy of this article, who would you recommend use this article and for what purposes?

Type your Critique and turn in with a copy of the article you selected. Run your critique through Turnitin.com