History 1112-28: World History since 1300

MWF: 8am-8:50am SSB 3028

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REQUIRED TEXT:

A new, hard-copy version of this textbook is obnoxiously expensive. You can rent an electronic version of the textbook at www.NortonEbooks.com Electronic rental is cheaper than the purchasing even the paperback. You may also choose to share a book with another classmate. Used editions found on most trade websites (amazon.com, etc.) will also be cheaper, but you are responsible for having access to this material as soon as the course begins.

Other readings will be provided online and many primary sources can be found at the Desire2Learn website associated with this course.

COURSE DESCRIPTION:
History 1112 satisfies one of Kennesaw State University’s General Education program requirements. It addresses the General Education learning outcomes for the Social Sciences. The learning outcome states: Students analyze the complexity of human behavior and how social, historical, economic, political, or spatial relationships develop, persist, or change. For more information about KSU’s General Education program
requirements and associated learning outcomes, please visit here. This course will
discuss the major cultural, political and social aspects of world civilizations from about
the fifteenth century to the present. The class will stress critical reading of primary
sources, effective and constructive communication, and the development analytical
skills.

COURSE OBJECTIVES:
At the completion of this course students should have developed in four areas.
First, students will increase their content knowledge of historical civilizations and be
able to identify the major civilizations that have influenced the modern world.
Second, students will develop their communications skills by writing competently about
different subjects in world history, leading to a research essay for the final exam.
Third, students will develop analytical tools necessary to process data, examine primary
sources, and consider different factors that make up historical thinking.
Fourth, student will develop their interpersonal communicative and collaborative skills
by working with other students to solve problems in group assignments.

ASSIGNMENTS AND GRADING:
**Quizzes**: (100 points/ 10 points each): Students will complete a quiz in class for each
chapter. The focus of the quizzes will be the chapter vocabulary terms, major persons,
events and major ideas of each chapter. The quizzes will be taken in-class on the days
indicated by the schedule.

**Collaborative Engagement**: (100 points/ 20 points each): Students will be asked to
participate in five group exercises. These exercises will generally involve topics and
materials selected by the instructor but relevant to classroom discussions.

**Short Writing Assignments**: (100 points/ 25 points each): Students will be given four
short writing assignments that are intended to help them acquire the skills to
successfully write a research paper. The instructions for each assignment will be posted
online in Desire2Learn. Each assignment must conform to the page length stipulated in
the module instructions and conform to a stand writing format which can be found here.
Students should use the Chicago Manual of Style for all references, citations, and
bibliographies. If you are not familiar with the CMS please look here. If you are working
with a primary source from an online archive that does not give a full bibliography you
should list the author and title and then copy and paste the URL and the date you
accessed it. If you have questions please let me know. Students may not cite
information from web pages or from reference materials (encyclopedias or dictionaries)
in these assignments, although they are encouraged to read outside sources like books
and articles which can be obtained through online databases and library electronic
reserves, like JSTOR and ITER.

**Exams**: (100 points/ 50 points each): There will be two essay exams in the course, one
at mid-term and one at the end of the semester. These are in-class written exams that
will be based on a prompt given by the instructor the day of the exam. Students should
bring a blue book or other writing material with which to write the exam. A student who
is caught cheating on an exam will receive a failing grade for that exam. A student who
does not complete both exams will receive a failing grade for the course.

GRADING SCALE
A: 100-90% (400-360), B: 89-80% (359-320), C: 79-70% (319-280), D: 69-60% (279-240), F (≤ 239)

Students can expect feedback on the writing assignments within five working days
(Monday to Friday) of the submission date. Late assignments will not be accepted
except in cases of documented emergencies. Except in cases of plagiarism, students
may rewrite and resubmit their assignments for a better grade before assignment
deadline and the assigned grade was lower than an "A." All assignments should be
submitted to the appropriate dropbox in Desire2Learn. A revision that does not seem to
have considered serious problems in the paper but only addresses mechanical issues
will not receive a higher grade.

EXTRA CREDIT, MAKE-UP EXAMS, EXTENSIONS
There is no extra credit for this course. Late work, make-up work, or extensions will only
be granted in cases of documented emergencies or excused absences.

COURSE POLICIES AND EXPECTATIONS
Attendance/Participation: Students are expected to attend the lectures and to participate
in class work in a meaningful way. Students may have four unexcused absences. At the
fifth unexcused absence, the student's final grade will be docked one letter grade for
each additional absence. At nine total unexcused absences, the student will be
assigned a failing grade. An excused absence is a properly documented medical
emergency, university-related absence, or military deployment. Students who
participate in sports or other university-sanctioned teams should notify the teacher as
soon as possible regarding upcoming absences. Please do not inquire about absences
for vacations, weddings, or other non-emergency, non-academic events.

Laptops and other electronic devices are banned from the lectures unless otherwise
noted by the instructor. Persistent violation of this rule (e.g., texting during lectures) will
result in penalties.

Academic honesty: Students are responsible for familiarizing themselves with the
policies and procedures in the Kennesaw State University Codes of Conduct that
pertain to issues of academic integrity. These policies include cheating, fabrication,
falsification, multiple submission, plagiarism, and complicity. Plagiarism means using
another person's work (either their words, or their ideas, or their research) without giving
them any credit by failing to provide proper citation of their work. All work will be handed
in through turnitin.com through D2L. If there is reason for the instructor to believe that
you have violated these policies, you will be referred to the Department of Student
Conduct and Academic Integrity (SCAI). You will be given the opportunity to review the
charges and if you believe that you are not responsible, you will have the opportunity for
a hearing. Students should consult the instructor if they have any questions about academic integrity before an assignment is turned in. Violations of academic honesty may result in an automatic “E” grade for the course and the student may be subject to other academic discipline. Do not plagiarize! Do your own work and be sure to give credit when you have used another person’s ideas, words, or research.

E-mail: For legal reasons, the only email you should use in correspondence with the instructor is your Kennesaw State University account. Email sent from another address may not receive a response.

Special Needs: Students with qualifying disabilities under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and/or Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act who require “reasonable accommodation(s)” to complete the course may request those from Department of Student Success Services. Students requiring such accommodations are required to work with the University’s Department of Student Success Services rather than engaging in this discussion with individual faculty members or academic departments. If, after reviewing the course syllabus, a student anticipates or should have anticipated a need for accommodation, he or she must submit documentation requesting an accommodation and permitting time for a determination prior to submitting assignments or taking course quizzes or exams. Students may not request retroactive accommodation for needs that were or should have been foreseeable. Students should contact the office as soon as possible in the term for which they are seeking accommodations.

For more information, please visit their website, studentsuccess.kennesaw.edu/sds. Contact information is as follows:
*SDS Email: sds@kennesaw.edu
*Primary number for Kennesaw campus: 470-578-2666

Assignment deadlines: Unless otherwise noted, all assignments are due by 11:59pm (Eastern Time) on the day listed. This is 11:59:59, by the way, anything submitted after 11:59:59 will not be accepted.

Fall 2016: August 15th to December 5th

Week 1
Monday 8/15: Introduction to the Course
Wednesday 8/17: Intro to Historical Thinking and World History
Friday 8/19: The World at 1300 CE.

Week 2
Wednesday 8/24: Western Christian States: *WTWA Chapter 11*, 420-430
Friday 8/26: **Collaborative Exercise 1**: Ancient Aliens.
Week 3
Wednesday 8/31: Global Trade and Global Empires. WTWA Chapter 12, 441-462.
Primary sources: “Cortes Approaches Tenochtitlan,” and “Silver, the Devil and Coca
Leaf in the Andes.”
Friday 9/2: Religion and the Transformation of Europe. WTWA Chapter 12, 463-468.
QUIZ 1.

Week 4
Monday 9/5: LABOR DAY RECESS, NO CLASS
Wednesday 9/7: Prosperity in Asia. WTWA Chapter 12, 468-473.
Primary sources: “The Principles of Mercantilism,” and “Olaudah Equiano on the Atlantic
Crossing.” QUIZ 2. WRITING ASSIGNMENT 1 due.

Week 5
Monday 9/12: Change and Conflict in the Early Modern Period. WTWA Chapter 13,
495-515.
Wednesday 9/14: Cultural Developments the Islamic World. WTWA Chapter 14, 519-
526
Friday 9/16: Collaborative Exercise 2: America Unearthed. QUIZ 3.

Week 6
Monday 9/19: Cultural Developments in Asia. WTWA Chapter 14, 526-534. Primary
Sources: “The Political Construction of Space” and “The Chinese View of the World.”
Wednesday 9/21: Cultural Developments in Europe. WTWA Chapter 14, 534-542.
Friday 9/23: Cultural Developments in Africa, the Americas, and Oceania. WTWA
Chapter 14, 542-551 QUIZ 4.

Week 7
Monday 9/26: Revolutions in the Atlantic World. WTWA Chapter 15, 555-571. Primary
Sources: “The Other Revolution of 1776” and “Mary Wollstonecraft on the Rights of
Women.”
Wednesday 9/28: Revolutions and Conflict in Asia. WTWA Chapter 15, 580-591.
Friday 9/30: Slavery and the Industrial Revolution. WTWA Chapter 15, 571-580. QUIZ
5. WRITING ASSIGNMENT 2 due.

Week 8
Monday 10/3: Conflict, Revitalization, and Resistance. WTWA Chapter 16, 595-607.
Primary Sources: “A Female Muslim Voice in Africa,” and “The Taiping on the Principles
of Heavenly Nature.”
Wednesday 10/5: Socialists and Radicals in Europe. WTWA Chapter 16, 607-613.
Last Day to Withdraw
Friday 10/7: Collaborative Exercise 3: Peer Review and Course Review

Week 9

Wednesday 10/12: Conflict and Resistance in Asia. *WTWA Chapter 16*, 619-625. **QUIZ 6.**

Friday 10/14: Mid-Term Exam

Week 10

Monday 10/17: Nations and Empires. *WTWA Chapter 17*, 629-644

Wednesday 10/19: Imperialism. *WTWA Chapter 17*, 644-656. Primary Sources “What is a Nation” and “The Origin of the Species.”

Friday 10/21: Imperial Pressure. *WTWA Chapter 17*, 656-666. **QUIZ 7. WRITING ASSIGNMENT 3 due.**

Week 11


Friday 10/28: **Collaborative Exercise 4:** Women and Work in the World.

Week 12


Week 13


Friday 11/11: The Beginning of the Cold War. *WTWA Chapter 20*, 751-754. **QUIZ 9.**

Week 14

Monday 11/14: Decolonization. *WTWA Chapter 20*, 754-767. Primary Sources: “Nehru on Building a Modern Nation” and “Senghor’s View of Political Independence.”


Friday 11/18: Upsetting the Three-World Order. *WTWA Chapter 20*, 777-781. **QUIZ 10.**

Monday 11/21: Fall Break, No Classes

Wednesday 11/23: Fall Break, No Classes

Friday 11/25: Fall Break, No Classes

Week 15

Monday 11/28: **Collaborative Exercise 5:** Peer Review.

Wednesday 11/30: Globalization I: Late Colonialism and the End of the Cold War.
WTWA Chapter 21, 785-792.
Friday 12/2: Globalization II: The Movement of People, Products, and Ideas. WTWA Chapter 21, 792-821. WRITING ASSIGNMENT 4 due.

Final Exam: Wednesday December 7th, 8-10am.

Note: This syllabus is subject to change throughout the course. Notification about changes will be given in D2L.

Updates 8/18/2016: "Quizzes" and "Collaborative Engagement" sections changed.