HISTORY 1110

INTRODUCTION TO WORLD HISTORY

Spring 2010

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COURSE DESCRIPTION:

A thorough survey course covering from prehistoric 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:


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- 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](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
  - *Traditions and Encounters*, 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

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

Ancient Greece
Sparta and Athens: The City States
Greco-Persian Wars
Plato, Socrates, Greek Philosophers
Peloponnesian War
Alexander the great
Chapter 8

Week 5

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

Cross-Cultural Encounters
The Silk Roads
Emergence of Empires and Trade Routes
Spread of religions: Christianity, Islam, Buddhism
Fall of classical empires
Chapter 9

Week 6

The Chinese Empire
The Warring States
Sui Dynasty
Tang Dynasty: The Golden Age of Chinese Civilization
Song Dynasty
Chapter 12

Formation of Christianity in Europe
Split of Roman Empire
Byzantine Empire
Early Middle Ages
Late Middle Ages
The Crusades
Chapter 10
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.