Syllabus for History 3305/01– TR –5:00 to 6:15 PM – SS3031
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Text: Keylor, A World of Nations, The International Order since 1945, 2nd edition, required

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 March 3. 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 already 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 the semester, 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. Alas, no cell phone use in class, not to mention I-Pads and computers unless taking notes!

Turnitin
The written assignments for this class must typed and handed in along with a copy of the article selected. Your article analysis should also be posted to Turnitin, an anti-plagiarism website. Instructions and password 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 assignments @ 20 % total (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    January 8
Exam and paper 1                February 6
Last day to drop           March 3
Exam and paper 2                 February 27
Exam and paper 3       April 8

Papers Due Dates      The first three papers are due on the same day as the first three exams and the fourth is due the last day of class, April 29.

Last day of class        April 29
Final exam   Thursday May 1, 1:00 – 3:00 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.
January 8 – February 6
First written assignment is due February 6.

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.
February 6 – February 27
Second written assignment is due February 27

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.
March 11 – April 8
Third written assignment is due April 8

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 Asian nations and problems facing the world in the 21st century. Read Chapters 9 and 10, and the epilogue.
April 10 - April 29
Fourth written assignment due April 29.

General Instructions for reading your text

You are responsible for reading and understanding all the material 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 all exams. In addition, a series of PPTS will be provided with additional information on a variety of issues.

Written Assignment – Source analysis

Your assignment entails selecting four articles; all articles must have footnotes so you can check their sources. This, unfortunately, eliminates articles from newsmagazines and newspapers. You can use a journal article, easily found on J-Stor, 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 cover and event or person from the four different sections in covered in the class. 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:

If the author is listed, what qualifications does he/she have to be an authority on your topic? If no author is listed (this applies to all Wikipedia articles) what clues, if any, do the sources used tell you about the

Where do the sources cited in your article come from?

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? You must prove your facts by looking them up, both in the listed source and at least one other source, as a cross reference.

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?

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