History 1110: Introduction to World History

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Course Description

“An overview of world history which provides an introduction to the origin and development of the world’s societies and their political, cultural, and economic traditions.”

Course Aims

This course attempts to bring together a large-canvas history of the globe since early hominids to the recent past. In so doing, it familiarizes students with the world historical perspective, both its inherent strengths and weaknesses.

Assessment

The assessments in this course consist of four online examinations taken through WebCT and a primary document exercise each worth 20% of your final grade. The assessments will be part multiple choice, part short answer. The final examination will contain a comprehensive component. The course uses a conventional grading scale (detailed below.)

A=89.5 or better  
B=79.5 to 89.49  
C=69.5 to 79.49  
D=59.5 to 69.49  
F=59.49 or below

Academic Integrity Statement

Every KSU student is responsible for upholding the provisions of the Student Code of Conduct, as published in the Undergraduate and Graduate Catalogs. Section II of the Student Code of Conduct addresses the University’s policy on academic honesty, including provisions regarding plagiarism and cheating, unauthorized access to University materials, misrepresentation/falsification of University records or academic work, malicious removal, retention, or destruction of library materials, malicious/intentional misuse of computer facilities and/or services, and misuse of
student identification cards. Incidents of alleged academic misconduct will be handled through the established procedures of the University Judiciary Program, which includes either an “informal” resolution by a faculty member, resulting in a grade adjustment, or a formal hearing procedure, which may subject a student to the Code of Conduct’s minimum one semester suspension requirement.

**Required**


**Tentative Schedule**

First Week
*Monday*: Expectations, Introductions, Early Hominids.
Reading: Introduction and Ch. 1

Reading: Chapters 2-4

*Wednesday*: Rebuilding the World. Reading. The Great Schools. **Primary Document Exercise (Due Monday).**
Reading: Chapters 5 and 6, Online Readings

**First Exam Online-Ch Intro-6 (Due Thursday Evening)**
Readings: Chapters 7-9

Reading: Chapters 10-12

**Second Exam Online-Ch 7-12 (Due Sunday Evening)**

Second Week
Monday: The Mongols (Film). Climate Change and Disease. An Expanding World.
Reading: Ch. 13-15

**Primary Document Exercise collected.**
Tuesday: 16th and 17th Century Empire. Columbian Exchange. (Film: The Mission)
Reading: Ch. 16-17

Readings: Ch. 20, Ch 21 (Portions concerning slave trade only), Ch 22

**Third Exam Online-Ch 13-17, 20, 21, 22 (Due Thursday Evening)**
Thursday: Energy Revolutions, Abolition, Global Empire, The World Wars
Reading: Ch. 23, Ch 25 (Just portions pertaining to Imperialism), Ch. 28

Friday: Since 1945. Rwandan Genocide (Film) Contemporary Patterns.
Reading Ch. 29
Final Exam Online (Due Friday Evening)