MAYMESTER SEMESTER 2013
Professor Alan LeBaron

HISTORY 1110/01  EVERY DAY 1300 - 1730  SO 2023

NOTE; YOU MUST BRING YOUR BOOK TO CLASS EVERYDAY; SOME OF THE TESTING AND IN CLASS WORK WILL BE OPEN BOOK.

LEARNING OBJECTIVE:
Develop “memories” from the thousands of years that occurred before our individual existence, by studying and discussing the major themes of human history. The class will be an overview of world history from early human times until the present. During the class we will discuss global geography; the interplay between “change” and “continuity”; and aspects of current life that connect directly to the past.

CLASS THEMES:
The central class theme will be: What have been the global connections that have long tied the civilizations of the earth together? Secondary themes will be: Rise and Fall of Centers of Power and Wealth; Daily life of the people as seen through art and artifacts; Definitions of civilization and Western Civilization; and, Ways of Thinking and Believing


Grades:  A= 90 to 100, B= 81 to 89, C= 71 to 80,  D= 60 to 70.

IN-CLASS QUIZZES AND PARTICIPATION GRADE: Fifty per cent of the class grade will be based on a system of participation, which includes class discussion; written work, unscheduled quizzes, and scheduled student presentations.

EXAMS:  There are two exams, which fall on each of the two Fridays; each valued at 25%.  Exams will include both written essay and fact-based questions.

Office:  Pilcher 137  Consultation any day by appointment or after class.

IMPORTANT NOTE REGARDING COMMUNICATION: ALL COMMUNICATION TO THE PROFESSOR SHOULD BE MADE THROUGH STANDARD EMAIL ONLY: alebaron@kennesaw.edu  Phone:  770-423 6589

READING SCHEDULE: textbook reading and discussion will proceed chronologically. You should overview each chapter and get ready to discuss the major themes and questions contained in each chapter. Some chapters will be covered quickly, others in more detail, as indicated in the reading schedule. The instructor will present chapters not covered in the schedule below during class time.
MONDAY WEEK ONE: Chapters 1 and 2. In chapter one the topic will be Human Evolution and Development; and the concept of human modernization and globalization. What has changed and what remains the same? Maps will be studied; and the class overviewed; a practice test will be given. Chapter two will discuss early civilizations; it will be an important chapter to read completely.

TUESDAY WEEK ONE: Chapters 3, 4. The “second wave” of civilizations in Africa-eurasia, in the time period 500 BCE to 500 CE. These include the “classical” civilization of Rome and Han China. These chapters cover government and culture.

WED WEEK ONE: Chapters 5 and 6 Review of chapters 3, 4, and 5. Overview these chapters and consider the class themes noted above. The first in-class quiz will cover the class themes in relation to these three chapters. In chapter six, pay special attention to the Meroe, Axum, and the Maya and read those sections carefully, and overview the rest.

THURS WEEK ONE: Overview chapter 7 and look for the class themes, and read chapter 8. Note how China is the center of much of known world economy. Group presentations will be scheduled for the second week.

FRIDAY WEEK ONE: The Silk Roads, Connections, Diffusion, Islam, and the interconnections of Africa, Europe, and Asia. Discussion on chapter 9 from 1 pm to 2 pm; review for test 2 pm to 3p; test 4 to 530.

Test One.

Monday 2nd week: Our first chapter of the week is chapter 10, read carefully about Byzantine and overview the rest. Instructor will overview chapters 11 and 12 for you, but read chapter 13. Topics of importance: Why China did not Discover America; and how Africa, Asia, and American Native Americans made possible the European rise to wealth and power.


Wed 2nd week: Class Presentations; followed by quiz on presentations. Professor will give short overview of chapters 15 and 16.

Thurs 2nd week: Read chapter 17 and 19. With these chapter we now enter a world much like our own. What has changed and what has remained the approximate same?

Friday 2nd week: 1 pm to 2pm; chapter 20. 2 to 3 pm review. 3:30 to 5 30 final exam.

Laptop Use:
While use of laptops is permitted in this class, it is restricted to note-taking and e-books. Phones and other devices are prohibited.