HIST 1112
Modern World History
Semester: Summer 2017
Location: 100 W. Claire Harris Textiles (Marietta Campus)
Meeting Time: T/TH, 11:00am-1:45pm

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Course Communication. Students are encouraged to contact “Professor Gentry” via his
Kennesaw.edu email and by coming to office hours. Do not email him through D2L. Emails will
only be returned during normal business hours and if they are from another Kennesaw.edu email.

Electronic Communications. The University provides all KSU students with an “official” email
account with the address “students.kennesaw.edu.” As a result of federal laws protecting
educational information and other data, this is the sole email account you should use to
communicate with your instructor or other University officials.

Course Description: This course is a survey of world history from 1500 to the present. The
course examines major themes, events, trends, institutions, and ideas, focusing particularly on
politics, revolutions, and the effects of globalization. Students will learn about the development
our global system of nation-states and how the boundaries between them were determined.

Learning Objectives: The primary objective of this course is to get students to think about
history. This includes connecting present events to the past, as well as being able to analyze a
document for its historical value. By the end of the course, students will be expected to identify
the major turning points and “Isms” of modern history. As a survey course the goal is to learn a
little about many different things. The objective of Modern World History is for students to
form a basic framework about how the modern world came to be. This framework will help to
clarify conceptions about the past and prepare students for future learning in all disciplines. As a
part of exploring history, students will be given the opportunity and tools to sharpen their writing
and public speaking skills.

General Education Program Requirements: HIST 1112 satisfies one of Kennesaw State
University’s general education program requirements. It addresses the SOCIAL SCIENCES
general education learning outcome(s). 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
http://catalog.kennesaw.edu/preview_program.php?catoid=24&poid=2668
Required Reading:


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**NOT THIS ONE**

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**Attendance Policy:** Students are permitted 2 absences without being penalized. It does not matter if they are excused or unexcused. They can be for any reason. Students do not need to notify the professor or provide a note for their first 4 absences. After 2, **every absence** results in the loss of 1 participation point. Exceptions are official University and government functions, for which students must supply documentation (but only after their first 2 absences). Students with medical emergencies lasting 2 weeks or longer are urged to consider applying to the Dean of Students for medical withdrawal. To verify attendance, students must sign the attendance sheet. It is the responsibility of students to make sure they sign the attendance sheet every class. Students do not get to decide when during class they sign it. It may be passed around in the beginning, middle, or end of class. Students are solely responsible for managing their enrollment status in a class; nonattendance does not constitute a withdrawal.
**Participation Policy:** Twenty percent of the grade (or 20 points) is based on participation. Half of the participation points are based on attendance and half are based on the discussions, both in class and online. There are 9 online discussions during this course. Students are permitted 1 online discussion absence. After that, each failure to participate in the online discussion on time will result in the loss of 1 participation point. There are 11 in class discussions during this course. Failure to “actively participate” in any discussion will result in the loss of 1 participation point. Active participation means listening, speaking, and sharing your ideas with your discussion group.

**Online Discussion Groups:** Students are assigned to an online discussion group based on the first letter of their last name. Students can find their group number on D2L. These groups are subject to change. Online discussions will occur on the class’s D2L site in the Discussions tab. Groups will be assigned to either review, connect, or think. The details of those assignments can be found below the course schedule. Members must participate in the online discussion prior to class on Thursday of the assigned week. After that, submissions will be late. Note: In class discussion groups will differ from online discussion groups.

**Discussion Policy:** Whether in class or online, it is vital to the learning process that we respect each other during discussion. Part of being respectful means not attacking other people’s identities or challenging the validity of their experiences. Identities include and are not limited to gender, race, ethnicity, sexuality, religion, nationality and class. However, to have a healthy discussion it is necessary for participants to challenge each other’s ideas. Respectful discussion means challenging each other’s ideas in a good natured manner without attacking identities.

**Electronic Devices Policy:** The use of cell phones is strictly forbidden during normal class time. They must be put away and out of sight. Cell phone use is only allowed when explicitly condoned by the instructor. Laptops and tablets may only be used in the class to take notes. In order to use these devices in class students must put their notetaking device in airplane mode. The use of the internet or having the internet turned on during class time are strictly forbidden. The use of headphones during class time is also strictly forbidden. Any violation of these rules will result in the loss of 2 points of the participation grade.

**Course Assignments and Grade Calculations:**

- 2 Exams – 20% (20 points) each
- Final Exam – 25%
- 2 Primary Source Analyses – 5% (for first); 10% (for second)
- Participation – 20%

**Extra Credit** – There are two avenues for extra credit. Perfect attendance and writing a third Primary Source Analysis. Each avenue will earn students 2 extra points.

**Late Assignments and Makeup Exams:** Late papers will be penalized one grade. Papers more than 2 weeks late will not be accepted. If, on a day an assignment is due, a student has to miss class for official University or government functions, the deadline extends to the next class meeting. Extensions for other reasons are only granted in rare cases. All missed exams will be
made up at the end of the semester by scheduling an exam time with the instructor. It is the student’s responsibility to schedule make up exams.

**Grading Scale.** Students are evaluated on the following scale:

- **A** - (90-100%)
- **B** - (80-89.9%)
- **C** - (70-79.9%)
- **D** - (60-69.9%)
- **F** - (59.9% and below)

**I**—Indicates an incomplete grade for the course, and will be awarded only when the student has done satisfactory work up to the last two weeks of the semester, but for nonacademic reasons beyond his/her control is unable to meet the full requirements of the course. Incomplete grades are only valid after submission of the Incomplete Grade form (signed by both the instructor and student) to the Department Chair’s office.

**Exam Grading Rubric:** Exams are divided into 20 multiple choice questions and 6 written answers. Students are required to **bring a small blue book** to each exam. Written answers must be a full page in the blue book to get full credit. Each multiple choice question is worth 2 percentage points and each written answer is worth 10 percentage points. Written answers that are off topic will receive 0-4 points, depending on the accuracy of the information. Written answers that are on topic, but wrong, will receive 5-6 points, depending on the accuracy of the information. Correct answers will receive between 7-10 points, depending on the accuracy and length of the answer. Students will be provided a study guide for each exam in the “content” portion of D2L.

**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 5. C 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 Department of Student Conduct and Academic Integrity (SCAI), 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. See also [https://web.kennesaw.edu/scai/content/ksu-student-code-conduct](https://web.kennesaw.edu/scai/content/ksu-student-code-conduct).

Violation of the Student Code of Conduct will be reported to the university. This includes plagiarism and cheating.
**ADA Compliance:** 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, sss.kennesaw.edu/sds.

Contact information is as follows:
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- Primary number for Kennesaw campus: 470-578-2666
- Primary number for Marietta campus: 678-915-7244

**Course Schedule:**

Note: The readings, D2L discussions, and written assignments should always be done by **class time**.

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<th>Topic</th>
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<td>May 30</td>
<td>Introduction / Global Empires</td>
<td>McKay: Chapters 16-17 Sources: 16 (4); 20 (1,4)</td>
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<td>The Rise of European Empires</td>
<td>McKay: Chapter 18 Sources: 17 (1,4)</td>
<td>D2L 1 – Review</td>
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<td>The Demise of African Empires</td>
<td>McKay: Chapter 20 Sources: 19 (1,2,5)</td>
<td>D2L 1 – Connect</td>
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<td>East Asian Empires</td>
<td>McKay: Chapter 21 Sources: 21 (4,6)</td>
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<td>June 13</td>
<td>Science and New Forms of Knowledge</td>
<td>McKay: Chapter 19; Sources: 18 (1,2,5)</td>
<td><strong>Exam #1 (Second half of class)</strong></td>
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<td>June 15</td>
<td>Revolutions in the Atlantic World</td>
<td>McKay: Chapter 22; Sources: 22 (1,2,4,5,6)</td>
<td>D2L 1 – Review; D2L 2 – Connect; D2L 3 – Think</td>
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<td>June 20</td>
<td>The Industrial Revolution(s)</td>
<td>McKay: Chapter 23; Sources: 23 (2,3,5)</td>
<td><strong>Primary Source Analysis (Due in D2L)</strong></td>
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<td>June 22</td>
<td>European Politics in the Age of Isms</td>
<td>McKay: Chapter 24; Sources: 24 (1,3,4,6)</td>
<td>D2L 1 – Connect; D2L 2 – Think; D2L 3 – Review</td>
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<td><strong>June 26 – Last day to withdraw without academic penalty</strong></td>
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<td>June 27</td>
<td>New Imperialism</td>
<td>McKay: Chapters 25-26; Sources: 25 (3,5); 26 (2)</td>
<td>D2L 1 – Think; D2L 2 – Review; D2L 3 – Connect</td>
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<td>June 29</td>
<td>The Americas in the Age of Liberalism</td>
<td>McKay: Chapter 27; Sources: 27 (1,3)</td>
<td><strong>Exam #2 (Second half of class)</strong></td>
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<td><strong>July 4 – No class for holiday</strong></td>
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<td>July 6</td>
<td>World War I and Revolution</td>
<td>McKay: Chapter 28; Sources: 28 (2,3,5); 27 (5)</td>
<td>D2L 1 – Review; D2L 2 – Connect; D2L 3 – Think</td>
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<td>July 11</td>
<td>Nationalism in Asia</td>
<td>McKay: Chapter 29; Sources: 29 (2,4); 26 (5); 32 (2)</td>
<td><strong>Primary Source Analysis Essay (Due IN CLASS – 3/30)</strong></td>
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<td>July 13</td>
<td>The Great Depression and WW2</td>
<td>McKay: Chapter 30; Sources: 30 (1-6)</td>
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The Final Exam will be Tuesday, July 25th from 11:00am-1:30pm

D2L DISCUSSION INSTRUCTIONS –

**Review:** For this assignment students must answer one of the questions in the “Chapter Review” page(s) at the end of each chapter. Students should write at least 250 words answering the “Review the Main Ideas” and “Make Connections” questions. **Each student must answer a question that has not been previously answered that week.** Once all the questions have been answered, the remaining students must identity a key word in at least 150 words AND respond to a previous student’s answer in 150 words. These responses should assess the quality of the previous student’s answer and try to add to it.

**Connect:** The goal of this assignment is to make connections between the primary source readings and the textbook. To complete this assignment, students must first write out one or two sentences from one of the primary sources. Second, students must write a paragraph of at least 250 words that comments on the primary source quotation. This commentary should argue how the primary source document (and the specific quotation) clarifies the history from the textbook. How does the primary source make history come alive? How does it illuminate or add to the historical events and developments surveyed in the textbook? In making a connection between the primary source and the textbook, make sure to cite at least one page number from the textbook. The reason that students must cite the textbook is to verify that they are connecting the primary source to the history told by the textbook and not what the student thinks happened in the past.

**Think:** The goal of this assignment is to reflect on how learning about history changes the way you see the world. Students must write at least 250 words on either how the week’s readings confirmed or changed some aspect of their worldview. Unless you are the first student to complete the assignment, your answer must also comment on the previous answers. A worldview covers (but is not limited to) ideas about politics, religion, human nature, global differences, social hierarchies, art, economics, what causes change, the meaning of life, love, and morality. Try to be specific with reference to both the textbook and part of your worldview. Students must cite the pages from the textbook where they learned about the history under discussion.