

HISTORY 4

World History to 1750

This course traces the political, cultural and social history of world civilizations from antiquity to 1750 CE with special focus on global interaction.

Assigned Text: *Traditions & Encounters*, Volume I, 4th edition by Jerry Bentley and Herb Ziegler published by McGraw Hill ISBN: 978-0-07-333062-4

A word on course format: This educational format is not for everybody. Students must be very self-disciplined and self-motivated. Ability to work on one's own is crucial to success. Students are expected already to possess the necessary technical skills to navigate the internet, access the course web-site, utilize e-mail and complete assignments which are to be done on-line. Students are expected to have the time to learn a large volume of material while doing the required reading and completing all assignments on time. If you do not believe that you can meet these requirements, then this may not be the course for you.

Class Policies:

1. Students must use e-mail to contact the instructor about any questions they have.
2. Students are responsible for reading the course Home Page *at least once a week* for important announcements posted by the instructor.
3. Students are expected to do their own work and comport themselves as they would in a formal classroom environment.
4. **DROPS:** It is the student's responsibility to drop the class if unable to continue before the school drop dates. Students who discontinue class participation but do not complete the necessary drop form will receive an F grade.

Assignments:

1. QUIZZES: There are a total of twelve quizzes to be completed, six for each unit. Each quiz consists of 5 or 10 multiple-choice questions worth one point each. There are a total of 110 quiz points possible. The quizzes are to be done on-line. They are open-book and have no time limit. They are designed to make you engage the material and learn from it basic facts about world history. Quizzes will be accessible at any time and--ideally--should be completed during the assigned week according to the Schedule of Assignments below. You may work ahead on quizzes, but it is best not to start the quizzes for Unit Two until you have completed the first exam. If you get behind on the quizzes, you will not be penalized. Do them when you can. However: ***all twelve quizzes must be completed not later than the end of the last Friday of the class.***

2. DISCUSSION BOARDS: There are twelve Discussion Board Assignments. Each is worth up to five (5) points for a possible total of sixty (60) points. Each assignment will direct you to a website related to the current subject. You will explore and study the website and then write a paragraph describing what you learned. As with the quizzes, you should try to do these according to the Schedule of Assignments but you will not be penalized if you get behind. However: ***all twelve assignments must be completed not later than the end of the last Friday of the class.***

3. EXAMS: There are two ***non-cumulative*** exams in this course, one for each of the two units. Each exam is worth 100 points for a total of 200 points possible. Each exam consists of 20 short-answer essays worth up to 5 points each. You will be asked to identify and explain the significance of 20 subjects drawn from the text. All subjects for each exam are given to you in advance on this syllabus below. The exams will be completed on-line and will be accessible to you only once and only during the assigned week. Once you have accessed an exam, you will be given **two and a half hours** to complete it. Each of your answers should be in the form of a paragraph and ***must*** be written in ***complete sentences*** to qualify for full credit. I want as much information on each subject as you can remember and type within the time limit. The key to success is being prepared, which is why I give you the terms in advance. Budget your time! Don't write on one answer for 20 minutes and fail to allow yourself time to write on a full twenty subjects. No matter how much you write on one answer, the most you can get for it is 5 points. It is better to write incomplete sentences on subjects than to not to write on them at all. Write at least *something* for each term and you will get partial credit. Answers must be your own original compositions. (See note on Plagiarism below.)

4. TERM PAPER: You are required to do a research paper with an argumentative theme. This assignment is worth up to 50 points and is due *no later* than the end of Week Six. See the instructions for this under the Assignment tool bar on course home page. ***Failure to complete the term paper will result in automatic course failure.***

Schedule of Assignments:

Week One	(ending 9 February)	Buy the Textbook!!
Week Two	(ending 16 February)	Read chapters 1-2. Do Quiz 1
Week Three	(ending 23 February)	Read chapters 3-4. Do Quiz 2
Week Four	(ending 1 March)	Read chapters 5-6. Do Quiz 3
Week Five	(ending 8 March)	Read chapters 7-8. Do Quiz 4
Week Six	(ending 15 March)	Read chapters 9-10. Do Quiz 5
Week Seven	(ending 22 March)	Spring Break. No assignments due!
Week Eight	(ending 29 March)	Read chapters 11-12. Do Quiz 6
Week Nine	(ending 5 April)	Do Exam One.
Week Ten	(ending 12 April)	Read chapters 13-15. Do Quizzes 7 & 8.
Week Eleven	(ending 19 April)	Read chapters 16-17. Do Quiz 9
Week Thirteen	(ending 26 April)	Read chapters 18-19. Do Quiz 10
Week Fourteen	(ending 3 May)	Term Papers due by end of Saturday!!
Week Fifteen	(ending 10 May)	Read chapters 20-22. Do Quizzes 11 & 12.
Week Sixteen	(ending 24 May)	Do Exam Two. (Quiz deadline: end of Friday, 23 May)

NOTE: Quiz 8 (chapter 15) and Quiz 12 (chapter 22) each cover only one chapter.

Plagiarism:

Plagiarism is the unacknowledged use of another person's material which you represent as your own. Any act of detected plagiarism will result in automatic failure for the course. Term Papers and examination answers must be your own entirely original compositions. All written assignments in this course will be screened by Turnitin.com. This system can detect previously published material line-by-line. In other words, **DON'T EVEN THINK** of cheating. **YOU WILL BE CAUGHT!** Do **NOT** cut and paste your exam answers and term papers from another source. **YOU WILL BE CAUGHT!**

Grades:

Assignment Values:		Grade Scale:
Exams	200 points	378-420 = A
Quizzes	110 points	336-377 = B
Term Paper	50 points	294-335 = C
Discussions	60 points	252-293 = D
		<252 = F

Mastering this Course:

The best way to complete this course successfully is to read each chapter carefully and complete the relevant quiz as you do so. Remember these are open-book quizzes and have no time limit.

After doing the reading and completing the relevant quiz, then do the relevant Discussion Board Assignment.

For the exams you should prepare notes on each subject listing important facts associated with it and study this material *in advance* of taking the test. At test time you should then be able to relate this information quickly in a coherent essay written in complete sentences.

Exam Study Terms:

The lists on this page and the next contain all possible terms for each of the two exams. For each exam you will be given approximately half of the terms from the appropriate list and be required to write on twenty (and no more than 20.) Exams are non-cumulative. No terms from the first list will be on the second exam.

EXAM ONE STUDY TERM LIST

Chapter One: Hominid, Paleolithic Era, Neolithic Era, Three Craft Industries

Chapter Two: Mesopotamia, Hammurabi's Code, Epic of Gilgamesh, Sumer, Assyrian Empire, Hebrews, Chaldean Empire, Phoenecians, Sargon of Akkad, Indo-European migrations, Babylonian Empire, Hittites

Chapter Three: Kingdom of Kush, Hyksos, Akhenaten, Bantu migrations

Chapter Four: Varna-jati system, Aryans, Harrapan society, Hinduism

Chapter Five: Xia Dynasty, Shang Dynasty, Zhou Dynasty

Chapter Six: Olmec, Teotihuacan, Maya

Chapter Seven: Cyrus the Great, Sassanids, Seleucids, Zoroastrianism

Chapter Eight: Confucianism, Legalism, Daoism, Qin Dynasty, Han Dynasty

Chapter Nine: Jainism, Mauryan Empire, Gupta Empire, Ashoka, Buddhism, Four Noble Truths

Chapter Ten: Minoan Society, Mycenaen Society, Peloponnesian War, Alexander the Great, Antigonid Empire, Ptolomaic Empire

Chapter Eleven: Etruscans, Punic Wars, Julius Caesar, Augustus, Jesus of Nazareth, Paul of Tarsus

Chapter Twelve: Monsoon System, Constantine, Attila the Hun, Manichaeism

EXAM TWO STUDY TERM LIST

Chapter Thirteen: Justinian Code, Iconoclasm, Great Schism, Kiev

Chapter Fourteen: Muhammad, Five Pillars of Islam, Sharia, Shia, Sunnis
Umayyad Caliphate, Abbasid Caliphate, Sufis

Chapter Fifteen: Sui Dynasty, Tang Dynasty, Song Dynasty, Nara Japan,
Heian Japan, Tale of Genji, Shinto, samurai

Chapter Sixteen: Harsha, Sultanate of Delhi, Bhakti Movement,
Kingdom of Axum

Chapter Seventeen: Franks, Charlemagne, Vikings, Manor System, serfs,
Monasticism, Gregory the Great

Chapter Eighteen: Saljuk Turks, Chinggis Khan, Khublai Khan, Tamarlane,
Ottoman Empire, Bubonic Plague

Chapter Nineteen: Kingdom of Ghana, Mali Empire, Mansu Musa, Zimbabwe,
Zanj Revolt

Chapter Twenty: Holy Roman Empire, Chivalry, Cathars, Normans, guilds,
Reconquista, Hanseatic League, Crusades

Chapter Twenty-one: Toltec, Aztec, Inca

Chapter Twenty-two: Marco Polo, Ibn Battuta, Ming Dynasty, Zheng He,
The Renaissance, Little Ice Age, Hundred Years War, Columbus