

History 5: World History from 1750

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TTh 7-10p, VIL 12-03

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Course Description

A survey of major themes and events in world history from 1750 to the present. Emphasis will be placed on the Atlantic slave trade and slavery in the Americas, late 18th and early 19th century political revolutions, the Industrial Revolution, imperialism and colonialism, and 20th Century nationalist movements and revolutions.

Course Structure and Requirements

We meet for three hours, twice a week. Typical classes will begin with a lecture, followed by a discussion of the primary source readings. Students will break off into groups for a brief guided discussion of the readings before the class as a whole reassembles to discuss and analyze them together. Both during the lecture and before the discussion there will be a short, 10-15 minute break. *Be sure you have completed the readings for each session BEFORE class begins.*

Formal evaluation will be determined as follows:

Midterm: 30%
Discussion: 10%
Paper: 30%
Final: 30%

The midterm exam will be in short-answer and essay format, focusing on lectures and readings covered in weeks 1-4. The final will be comprehensive (covering material from weeks 1-10), but it will have a slight focus on lectures and readings from weeks 5-8. The paper will be a 5-7 page analysis of primary readings and lectures. Paper topics will be handed out week 3.

Attendance and Decorum

Attendance is mandatory and will be taken each class. This is an accelerated, eight week class, so each meeting will be crucial in helping you do well on your exams and in writing your paper. Of course if you do not attend class, you will also not be able to attend discussion, which is 10% of your final grade. If you miss more than four classes, you may be dropped from the class. If you are unable to attend a class due to emergency, it is very important that you contact me *ahead of time*, preferably by email.

Cell phones and pagers must be turned off in class. No food is allowed during class (drinks are fine), and students are expected to do their part in keeping a clean classroom environment.

Required Readings

Textbook: Bentley and Ziegler, Traditions & Encounter: A Global Perspective on the Past (3rd ed., vol. II)

Reader: Sherman, Grunfeld, Markowitz, Rosner and Heywood, World Civilizations: Sources, Images and Interpretations (4th ed., vol. II)

Schedule

<i>Week</i>	<i>Days</i>	<i>Topic</i>	<i>Readings</i>
1	T 3/20	Africa and the Atlantic Slave Trade	Text: 695-718 Reader: 118-120
	Th 3/22	The Scientific Revolution and the Enlightenment	Text: 655-659 Reader: 52-57
2	T 3/27	The American and French Revolutions	Text: 781-794 Reader: 102-103; 64-68
	Th 3/29	The Industrial Revolution in Europe	Text: 815-833 Reader: 82-83
3	T 4/3	The Triumph of Nationalism in Europe, 1815-1914	Text: 805-811; 833-836 Reader: 68-72
	Th 4/5	Africa, the Middle East, and Western Imperialism, 1800-1914	Text: 909-915; 919-925 Reader: 120-124; 134-135; 142-144; 145
4	T 4/10	Asia in the Era of Western Imperialism, 1800-1914	Text: 915-919; 925-927; 929-930 Reader: 130-134; 144-145
	Th 4/12	Midterm exam Revolution and nation-building in Latin America	Text: 793-798 Reader: 103-104, 107-108; 146; 165-167
5	T 4/17	World War I	Text: 945-972 Reader: 158-161
	Th 4/19	The West between the Wars	Text: 977-1000 Reader: 161-165; 167-168
6	T 4/24	Nationalism in Asia, 1914-1939	Text: 1005-1014 Reader: 182-186
	Th 4/26	World War II	Text: 1031-1055 Reader: TBD
7	T 5/1	Nationalism in Africa	Text: 1017-1020 Reader: 188-189; 206-208
	Th 5/3	Paper due World Polarization I: Superpowers	Text: 1055-1067 Reader: 200-202; 205-206
8	T 5/8	World Polarization II: Latin America and Asia	Text: 1067-1070 Reader: 202-205; 208; 211
	Th 5/10	No class (faculty contractual day)	
Final	T 5/15	Final exam, 7:30p-9:30p	