History 75: History of the Middle East, 1800-present  
Saddleback College  
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Room BGS 341

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**Course Description:**  
This course is a survey of the major political, economical, religious and social institutions and movements of the Middle East from 1800 to the present, with special emphasis on the problems of developing Middle Eastern nations, the Arab-Israeli conflicts, and the political and economic implications of Middle Eastern oil. Includes a brief introduction to early Middle Eastern history. No previous knowledge required.

**Student Learning Outcomes:**  
Upon successful completion of this course, students will be able to  
1. Demonstrate an understanding of core philosophy behind the development of Modern Middle East  
2. Relate an account to the chronological timeline, and to similar themes in current affairs, and  
3. Identify the difference between a primary and secondary resource, and use each appropriately in a research paper.

**COURSE REQUIREMENTS**  
Attendance & Participation: 10%  
Presentation: 15%  
Paper: 20%  
First Exam: 15%  
Second Exam: 15%  
Final Exam: 25%

A = 100 - 90  
B = 89 - 80  
C = 79 - 70  
D = 69 - 60  
F = 59 - 0

**Attendance:** A great majority of course content will come from lectures. Therefore, frequent absences will likely affect more than your participation grade. There are three ‘free’ absences for the semester; after that, unexcused absences will count against you.

**Participation:** Come awake, on time and prepared. **Cell phone use is prohibited in class.** If you must leave early, please advise me beforehand. You will be given three free absences—I will not excuse any other absences, so make sure you use these wisely! Subsequent absences will lower your participation grade. You will also be assessed on your participation in class and will be expected to contribute to class discussions. The exam questions will derive directly from our discussion in class and your readings.
Presentation: For the presentations you will be given a problem question or topic in advanced for which you are to conduct some research. You and your group are then asked to give a brief presentation in class.

Assignments: Turn all assignments in on time in the specified format, location, etc. Late papers will be penalized (no exceptions). Each day a paper is late it will receive a half a grade deduction.

Plagiarism will not be tolerated. Before submitting any written assignments please make sure you understand Mira Costa’s Academic Honesty Policy.

Notes on Special Service for Students with Disabilities: Students who know that they require special accommodations in the course, or those who suspect that they may have a learning disability, should contact the Special Services Office to obtain appropriate support. The Special Services Office is located in Building 3000, in the northwest corner of the Oceanside campus. Students are always welcome to speak to me to ensure that their learning needs are met. I am always available and willing to help in any way I can.

http://www.saddleback.edu/dsp/

Resources: For further resources on World History please visit the Resource section on my website:
http://www.saddleback.edu/faculty/mwardaki/resources.html

Required Text

Additional Required Readings: Additional articles will be made available to students to read via Blackboard.