History 4- World History to 1750

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MW-9am-10:30
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Course Description:
A survey of world history to 1750. We will examine from a comparative as well as a chronological perspective, the economic, social, political and cultural developments of world societies from Agricultural Revolution to 1700s. Topics include the development of Agriculture and its impact, the rise and decline of Pre-Classical societies, the rise and decline of Classical societies and the impact of the Post-Classical & Pre Modern Eras on world history. Transferable to UC/CSU

Course Structure:
Three hours per week for 13 weeks. In addition, you are required to complete assignments based on 9 hours of internet/ outside reading assignments. Class format includes lectures and discussion/debates/computer projects interspersed with videos relating to specific historical topics. Arrive at each class meeting having read the assigned reading and prepared to participate as we examine the significance of the history of the world in our lives. Plan on spending six hours per work outside of class reading and reviewing for exams etc.

Course Requirements:
5 Quizzes- (30%) -
Assignment- Oral (5-10 minutes with in-depth outline and Bibliography) or Develop a History Webpage-(10%) Small Group or Individual Reports
Final Exam- Take Home Essay questions-(30%)
Class Discussion /attendance/Internet Assignments/Short Writing Assignments/In class projects- (30%)

Required Reading:

Jerry Bentley, Traditions & Encounters: Global Perspective on the Past: Vol 1