

Grande Prairie Regional College

History 1120 T3

The Modern World

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This course is designed as an introductory survey of global history. It covers the major political, cultural, intellectual and economic developments of the world since the beginning of the 19th century to the present. Its goal is to provide a foundation for advanced study of history and related fields.

Basic Required Readings:

Brummett, Edgar, Hackett.... Civilization past & Present Vol. Two – From 1300 (10th edition, 2003).

Additional readings will be assigned and placed on reserve in the LRC.

Requirements and Grading:

- i) Mid – term test March 4 – 30%
- ii) Major essay (approx. 2000 words in length) – due March 11* – 40%
- iii) End of term test written in April – 30%

*Late essays will be penalized one stanine grade for each week they are late unless there is a compelling reason for the tardiness.

Topics and Schedule

January

7 Introduction/Industrial Revolution 1760 – 1850 Part 1

Readings: Text Chap. 22 pp. 627 – 633.

LRC: Article One Duncan Bythell, *Cottage Industry and the Factory System*

LRC: Article Two John U. Nef, *An Early Energy Crisis and its Consequences*

10 Industrial Revolution 1760 – 1850 Part 11

Readings: Text Chap. 24 pp. 670 – 682.

LRC: Article Three Bruce Watson, *For a While, Luddites Had a Smashing Success*

14 Europe 1815 – 1850: Restoration, Reforms and Revolutions

Readings: Text Chap. 23 pp. 636 – 649.

17 The Unification of Italy and Germany

Readings: Text Chap. 23 pp. 649 – 655

21 Europe 1850 – 1914: France and Britain

Readings: Text Chap. 23 pp. 656 – 658; Chap. 27 pp. 752 – 758.

24 Europe 1850 – 1914: Germany, Austria – Hungary and Russia.

Readings: Text chap. 23 pp. 654- 656; Chap.27 pp. 758 – 773.

28 Capitalistic Europe and the Globe

31 Third Worlds in the Making: Latin America

Readings: Text Chap. 21 pp.599 – 607; Chap. 27 pp.748 – 752.

February

4 Third Worlds in the Making: The Middle East

Readings: Text Chap. 25 pp. 708 – 725.

7 Third Worlds in the Making: Africa

Readings: Text Chap. 25 pp.692 - 708

11 Third Worlds in the Making: India

Readings: Text Chap. 13 pp. 363– 371; Chap 26 pp. 726 – 731.

14 Third Worlds in the Making China

Readings: Text Chap. 20 pp.569 - 574; Chap. 26 pp.731 –739.

LRC Reserve Article Four Samuel M. Wilson, *Coffee, Tea, or Opium*

18 The Exception: Japan

Readings: Text Chap.20 pp.574 -583; Chap.26 pp. 739 – 743.

LRC Reserve: Article Five: James Fallows, *After Centuries of Japanese Isolation, a Fateful Meeting of East and West*

LRC. Reserve Article Six Richard Perren, *On the Turn – Japan, 1900*

28 Toward World War One

Readings: Text Chap. 28 pp.776 – 782

March

4 Mid - term

7 War and Peace Readings: Text Chap. 28 pp.782 -794

11 The Bolshevik Revolution and the Soviet Union (**Essay Due**)

Readings: Text Chap. 29 pp.816 – 828.

14 The Retreat of Liberal Democracies

Readings: Text. Chap. 28 pp. 794 – 813.

18 Hitler and World War Two

Readings: Text Chap. 29 pp.828 – 843; Chap. 31pp. 880 - 907

LRC Reserve, Article Seven, William Lanouette, *Why We Dropped the Bomb*

21 Divided Europe and the Cold War

Readings: Text Chap. 32 pp. 910 – 927.

LRC Reserve Article Eight Raymond L. Garthoff, *Berlin 1961: The Record Corrected*

25 Decolonization: The Impact of WW 1 and WW 11

Readings: Text Chap. 30 pp. 844 – 854.

28 Decolonization: India and Asia

Readings: Text Chap. 30 pp.854 – 858; Chap. 35 pp.1004 – 1028.

April

1 Decolonization: Africa

Readings: Text Chap. 30 pp.867 – 877; Chap.34 pp.982 – 993.

LRC Reserve Article Nine George B.N. Ayittey, *A Decade of Decline*

4 Decolonization: Egypt and the Middle East

Readings: Text Chap. 30 pp.858 – 867; Chap.34 pp.968 – 982.

8 The Chinese Revolution

Readings: Text Chap. 30 pp. 847 – 852; Chap. 35 pp.1006 – 1011.

11 Latin America Since WW 11

Readings: Text Chap. 34 pp.993 – 1003.

15 From the Cold War to a Brave New World

Readings: Text Chap. 32 pp.927 – 933.

LRC. Reserve Article Ten Shlomo Avineri, *Return to History: The Breakup of the Soviet Union*

LRC Reserve John Bongaarts, *Can the Growing Population Feed Itself?*