

Grande Prairie Regional College
History 1200
World History
1996 - 97

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This course is designed as an introductory survey of "global history." It covers the political, racial, cultural, intellectual and economic development of the world since 1500. It is hoped that the student through the lectures, readings, written assignments and discussions will attain a general historical outline and perspective on world civilizations.

Basic Required Readings:

William H. MacNeill, A History of the Human Community Vol. II, 1500 - To the Present (Prentice - Hall, 1993)

Paul Kennedy, The Rise and Fall of the Great Powers (Vintage, 1989)

Any additional readings will be on reserve in the LRC.

Requirements and Grading (first term)

- 1) Essay (approximately 2000 words in length) - 20% of the total years work (Due Nov. 19)
- 1) Mid - term test -10% (Oct. 17)
- 1) End of term test - 20% of the total years work (written in Dec.)

Requirements and Grading (second term)

- 1) Essay (approximately 2000 words in length) - 20% of the total years work (Due March 5)
- 1) Mid - term test 10%
- 1) End of term examination - 20% of the total years work (written in April)

* Late papers will be penalized (one stanine grade for each week they are late) unless there is a compelling reason for the tardiness. Late essays will be accepted until the last day of formal classes, however, essays handed in after the due date will not receive the instructor's written comments.

Lecture Topics and Schedule

Basic Readings

Sept.

- 5: Introduction
10: Europe in Transition: The Renaissance
12: Europe in Transition: The Reformation
17: Europe in Transition: The Counter Reformation
19: Europe in Transition: Economic Growth and Expansion.
24: Europe in Transition: Voyages of Discovery and Colonial Rivalries. (Theme & Discussion of Kennedy Why Europe?)

MacNeill, Chap 16
pp 381 - 407

Kennedy
Chap. 1,
pp 3 - 50.

26: Dynasties and Politics: Spain and its Rivals

MacNeill, Chap 15

Oct.

- 1: Dynasties and Politics: Britain and France
3: Dynasties and Politics: The Germanies
(Theme and discussion - Why did the Habsburg Bid for European mastery fail?)

pp. 353 - 80
Kennedy,
Chap. 2
pp. 31 - 72
Kennedy,
Chap. 3
pp 73 - 115.

8: The Emergence of Russia

MacNeill, Chap 17
pp. 426 - 28
MacNeill, Chap, 18
pp. 438 - 66

10: 18th century Europe:
A Social Overview

15: The Enlightenment:
The Scientific Revolution

17: The Enlightenment:
The Philosophes

22: The French Revolution Part I

MacNeill, Chap. 20
pp.494 - 526

24: The French Revolution Part II

Kennedy, Chap. 3
pp. 115 - 159

29: The Napoleonic Regime Part I

31: The Napoleonic Regime Part II

Nov.

- 5: The Industrial Revolution Part I
Kennedy, Chap. 4
PP. 143 - 170
- 7: The Industrial Revolution Part II
- 12: Political and Intellectual Reaction
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- 14: Reform and Revolution:
Europe 1815 - 1850 Part I (Essay due)
Kennedy, Chap. 4
pp. 170 - 193
- 19: Reform and Revolution:
Europe 1815 - 1850 Part II
- 21: Reform and Revolution:
The Unification of Italy and Germany
MacNeill, Chap. 22
pp. 554 - 75.
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- 26: Europe 1850 - 1914: Britain and France
Kennedy, Chap. 5
pp. 194 - 24
- 28: Europe 1850 - 1914: Austria - Hungary

Dec.

- 3: Europe 1850 - 1914: Russia
- 5: Recapitulation and Review
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Second Term

Jan.

- 7: Capitalistic Europe and the Globe
MacNeill, Chap. 17
pp. 408 - 426; 428 - 437.
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- 9: Beginnings of the "Third World":
Latin America Part I
Strayer, pp. 210 - 222
(LRC - reserve)
- 14: Latin America Part II
- 16: Beginnings of the "Third world":
Africa Part I
Strayer, pp. 429 - 469
(LRC - reserve)
- 21: Africa Part II
- 23: Beginnings of the "Third World":
The Middle East
MacNeill, Chap. 19
pp. 467 - 93.

- 28: Europe and Asia: An Overview
MacNeill, Chap. 21
pp. 530 - 53
- 30: Beginnings of the "Third World"
India
- Feb.
- 4: Beginnings of the "Third World":
China Part I
Strayer, pp. 359 - 377
(LRC - reserve)
- 6: China Part II
11: The Exception: Japan
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- 13: The Causes of World War I
MacNeill, Chap. 24
pp. 609 - 36
- 19: World War I and the Aftermath
20: The Bolshevik Revolution &
The Soviet Union
Kennedy, Chap. 5
pp. 349 - 343

Winter Break

March

- 4: The Retreat of Liberal Democracies Part I
6: The Retreat of Liberal Democracies Part II (essay due)
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- 11: The Second World War Part I
Kennedy, Chap. 6
pp. 347 - 373
- 13: The Second World War Part II
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- 18: Post War Tensions
Kennedy, Chap. 6
pp. 373 - 395
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- 20: Decolonization:
Impact of W.W. I and W.W. II
MacNeill, Chap. 23
pp. 576 - 603
- 25: Decolonization:
India and Pakistan
Kennedy, Chap. 6
pp. 395 - 437
- 27: Decolonization: Africa

April

1: Decolonization. The Middle East

3: Soviet - US Relations Part 1

MacNeill, Chap. 25 & 26
pp. 637 - 84.

8: Soviet - US Relations Part II

10: An Overview of the Modern World

MacNeill, Epilogue
Kennedy chap. 8
pp. 488 - 535 and
Epilogue, pp 536 - 40
