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History 2040: European History since the Renaissance

Grande Prairie Regional College
(6 Credits)

Fall/Winter, 1993-1994

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Introduction:

This course surveys the political, economic, social and cultural history of the European people during the last five centuries. In the first term the class will trace European developments from the Renaissance and Reformation periods to the Age of Revolution. In the second term students will probe the development of industrialized mass democracy and the imperialism and nationalism which culminated in the great Twentieth Century wars. The course concludes with a study of the new Europe which has risen from the ashes of 1945. To complete the course successfully, students will write one brief critical essay and one mid-term test in the first term, a Christmas test, one research paper and final examination in the next.

Texts: (Available at GPRC Bookstore)

Kishlansky, Mark, et al. Civilization in the West. Harper-Collins, 1991.

Dennis Sherman, Ed. Western Civilization: Images and Interpretations -- From the Renaissance to the Present. McGraw-Hill, 1991.

Dufraisse, Roger. Napoleon. McGraw-Hill, 1991.

VERY HIGHLY RECOMMENDED for anyone new in the study of university history, is Jules R. Benjamin's. A Student's Guide to History. fifth edition. St. Martin's Press, 1991. Available in the bookstore.

Course Outline:

Week One: Beginnings

Tuesday, September 7: Course Introduction -- The Survivors
READ: Civilization. Chapter 8.

Thursday - The Ancient Heritage
READ: Civilization. pp 78-90, 97-99; 155-164, 173-190.

Week Two: Renaissance Roots

- Tuesday - Medieval Society and Government
 READ: Civilization, Chapter 9.
- Thursday - Crisis and Conflict
 READ: Ibid., Chapter 10.

Week Three: Renaissance: Society and Culture

- Tuesday - Society and Culture
 READ: Civilization, Chapter 11 up to p. 331.
- Thursday - The Arts
 READ: Civilization, pp. 332-337 and
Western Civilization, pp. 12-15.

Week Four: Renaissance: Statecraft and Thought

- Tuesday - The Prince and the Republic in Tension
 READ: Civilization, pp. 338-351, 365-383.
- Thursday - Renaissance Humanism: A Debate
 READ: Western Civilization, Chapter 1

Week Five: The Reformations

- Tuesday - Protestant
 READ: Civilization, Chapter 13 up to p. 408,
 and Western Civilization, pp. 24-33.
- Thursday - Roman Catholic
 READ: Ibid., pp. 408-415, and Western
 Civilization, pp. 33-49.

NBB: 1st Essay Due - in class - on October 14!!

Week Six: Societies Militant

- Tuesday - Sixteenth Century Society
 READ: Civilization, Chapter 14.
- Thursday - Militant Theologians
 READ: Introduction to Contemporary Civilization
 in the West, 3rd Edition, Vol. 1, pp.
 629-646, 700-712, 717-730; 740-751, 767-
 776 (RESERVE)

Week Seven: War and Crisis

- Tuesday - Religious Fury
 READ: Civilization, Chapter 15; and Western
 Civilization, pp. 56-68.
- Thursday - The Seventeenth Century Crisis Debate
 READ: Western Civilization, pp. 71-90, 93-111.

Week Eight: Age of Kings

***** NNB: Tuesday - Mid-Term Test - in class!

- Thursday - Absolutism and Constitutionalism
 READ: Civilization, Chapter 16

- Week Nine: The Scientific and Commercial Revolutions
Tuesday - A New Heavens and Earth
 READ: Civilization, Chapter 17
Thursday - Scientific Revolutions
 READ: Western Civilization, pp. 91-92 and
 Chapter 6.
- Week Ten: Enlightened Despotism
Tuesday - The Conduct of the Kings
 READ: Civilization, Chapter 18
Thursday - Remembrance Day Holiday
- Week Eleven: The Enlightenment
Tuesday - Society and Thought
 READ: Civilization, Chapter 19
Thursday - The Smile of Reason
 READ: Western Civilization, Chapters 7-8
- Week Twelve: Age of Revolution
Tuesday - Crisis of the Ancien Regime
 READ: Civilization, Chapter 20
Thursday - A New Age of Man
 READ: Western Civilization, Chapter 9
- Week Thirteen: The French Imperium
Tuesday - Terror and Tyranny
 FILM: Part 1
Thursday - A World in Chaos
 FILM: Part 2
- Week Fourteen: Napoleon - For and Against
Tuesday - Napoleon: Conflicting Interpretations
 READ: Western Civilization, Chapter 10
Thursday - READ: Dufraisse. Napoleon, passim.

NB: Christmas Test: To Be Announced

Week One: Industry and Society

Tuesday, January 4, 1994 - Dark Satanic Mills

READ: Civilization, Chapter 21

Thursday - Social Conditions

READ: Western Civilization, Chapter 12

Week Two: A World Restored

Tuesday - Order and Tradition Restored

READ: Civilization, Chapter 22, pp. 680-698

Thursday - Conservatism and Romanticism

READ: Western Civilization, pp. 227-233, 243-245, 247-248. Liberalism

Week Three: Tuesday - Liberal Governments

READ: Civilization, Chapter 22, pp. 698-711.

Thursday - 1848: The Revolutionary Cycle

READ: Western Civilization, 233-241, 246, 248-252.

Week Four: Classes and Nations

Tuesday - Mid-Century Nationalism and Liberalism

READ: Civilization, Chapter 23.

Thursday - Wars of the Nations

READ: Western Civilization, pp. 279-289, 299-302.

Week Five: The Age of Progress

Tuesday - Machines or People

READ: Civilization, Chapter 24.

Thursday - The Price

READ: Western Civilization, Chapter 14.

Week Six: Empire and War

Tuesday - Imperialism

READ: Civilization, Chapter 25.

Western Civilization, pp. 289-298, 302-306.

Thursday - Slaughter

READ: Civilization, Chapter 26: Western Civilization, pp. 341-347, 352-358, 360-367.

Week Seven: War and Revolution

Tuesday - 1917 and its Aftermath

READ: Civilization, Chapter 25, pp. 838-

846; Western Civilization, pp. 347-352, 359, 368-370.

Thursday - Why Lenin, Why Stalin?

Winter Break: February 21-25, 1994

Week Eight: Democracy and Depression

Tuesday, February 28, 1994 - Disorder

READ: Civilization, Chapter 27

Thursday - Disaster

READ: Western Civilization, Chapter 16

Week Nine: Totalitarianism

Tuesday - Italian, German and Russian Variants

READ: Civilization, Chapter 28.

Thursday - The True Face of Tyranny

READ: Western Civilization, Chapter 17

Week Ten: Ordeal of Total War

Tuesday - Survival

READ: Civilization, Chapter 28.

Thursday - Turning Points

NB: Research Essay Due !!!

Week Eleven: Occupied Europe

Tuesday - Cold Warriors

READ: Civilization, Chapter 29.

Thursday - Colonialism and Internationalism

READ: Western Civilization, Chapter 18

Week Twelve: Europe Restored, Again

Tuesday - Turbulence, Alarms and Dissidence

Thursday - The New Europe

READ: Civilization, Chapter 30

Week Thirteen: Present Perspectives

Tuesday - READ: Western Civilization, Chapter 19

Thursday - European Prospects

Week Fourteen: The Shape of European History

Tuesday: Retrospect and Assessments

Thursday: Examination Preparation

Final Exam: To Be Marked by G.P.R.C. Instructor

Course Format and Philosophy:

The course consists of two lecture-discussions each week. The lectures will identify and discuss the most significant events and issues of the week and also serve as guides to the texts. Discussions with the class will cover both primary source selections and the approaches taken by historians to the topics as well as the issues raised by the events covered in each session. The tests will be short answer in nature, while the examination will consist of essay-type questions. Because debate, discussion and critical analysis are essential to university education, an attendance and participation mark will be given, which measures class appearance and contribution to discussions. All essay topics must be approved by me before final submission. Late assignments will be penalized 50% each day they are overdue, UNLESS special permission is secured from me in advance. Any students having difficulty with their assignments or with the course in general are encouraged to see me as soon as possible -- after class, by contacting me in the office or calling me at home (between 8 a.m. and 6 p.m. please!) at 539-7764. I am always willing to help in any way I can.

Marking Scheme:

First Essay (eight pages)	15
Mid-term Test (in class)	10
Christmas Test	15
Second Essay (twelve pages)	20
Attendance and Participation	10
Final Exam	30

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