

History 2040: European History since the Renaissance

Grande Prairie Regional College  
(6 Credits)

Fall/Winter, 1994-1995

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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.

Howard, Michael. War in European History. Oxford, 1976.

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

Course Outline:

Week One: Beginnings

Tuesday, September 6: 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, and Howard, Chapter 1.

## 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,  
 and Howard, Chapter 2.
- 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 11!!

## 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, and Howard,  
 Chapter 3.

- 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 - War and Society.  
 READ: Howard, Chapter 4.
- 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: Personalities and Principles  
 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 - The Twenty-Five Years' War.  
 READ: Howard, Chapter 5.

NB: Christmas Test: To Be Announced

Term Two

## Week One: Industry and Society

Tuesday, January 3, 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. 630-698

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 and Howard, Chapter 6.

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, also Howard, Chapter 7.

## 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 and Canada Games: February 10-March 6, 1995

Week Eight: Democracy and Depression

Tuesday, March 7, 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

READ: Howard, Epilogue.

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: April 18, 1995 Retrospect and Assessments

Thursday: April 20, 1995 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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Department of Humanities and Social Science  
HI2040: Europe since the Renaissance  
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Essay Assignment: Term One

Fall 1994

Topic: What was the essence of Renaissance Humanism? Is it the same as modern Humanism? Using the course textbooks and the following selection of readings from the LRC-Library, outline and evaluate the distinctive characteristics of Renaissance Humanism. Your essay must not be more than eight to ten double spaced (typed or word-processed) pages. Your paper must have a thesis and follow correct MLA format for footnotes and bibliography. The following readings are found in our library. You should consult at least ONE, and preferably TWO, to complete your research:

1. Paul Oscar Kristeller, Renaissance Thought, (xerox on RESERVE) at Library checkout desk.

2. Relevant articles from The Dictionary of the History of Ideas, found in the REFERENCE section of the Library.

3. Relevant articles from The Encyclopedia of Philosophy, also found in the REFERENCE section of the Library.

Worth: 15%

Late Penalty: see course outline.

Due: see course outline