

## History 2040: European History since the Renaissance

Grande Prairie Regional College

(6 Credits)

Fall/Winter, 1995-1996

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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)

Kagan, Ozment and Turner, The Western Heritage: since 1300.  
Prentice -Hall, 1995.

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

Golden, Richard. Social History of Western Civilization, Volume II,  
St. Martin's, 1992. (SHWC)

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

Thursday, September 7: Course Introduction -- The Survivors  
READ: Heritage, pp. lxx-lxxvii.

## Week Two: Renaissance Roots

Tuesday 12 The Ancient Heritage

READ: Heritage, pp. xl-lxx.

- Medieval Society and Government

READ: Heritage, pp. lxxviii-xcv.

Thursday 14 - Crisis and Conflict

READ: Heritage, pp. 324-352, and Howard, Chap. 1

## Week Three: Renaissance: Society and Culture

Tuesday 19 - Society and Culture

READ: Heritage, Chapter 10 to page 367.

Thursday 21 - The Arts

READ: Heritage, pp. 367-372.Seminar: READ Western Civilization, pp. 12-16.

## Week Four: Renaissance: Statecraft and Thought

Tuesday 26 - The Prince and the Republic in Tension

READ: Heritage, pp. 373-399.

and Howard, Chapter 2.

Thursday 28 - Renaissance Humanism: The Debate

Seminar: READ Western Civilization, Chapter 1

## Week Five: The Reformations

Tuesday 3 - Protestant

READ: Heritage, pp. 400-425 and Western Civilization, pp. 25-33, 55.

Thursday 5 - Roman Catholic

READ: Heritage, pp. 425-430, and Western Civilization, pp. 33-47.NBB: 1st Essay Due - in class - on October 11!!

## Week Six: Societies Militant

Tuesday 10 - Sixteenth Century Society

READ: Heritage, pp. 431-440; SHWC, pp.1-27

Thursday 12 - Militant Theologians

SEMINAR: 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 17 - Religious Fury

READ: Heritage, pp. 443-473 and Western Civilization, pp. 56-59, 64-74.

Thursday 19 - The Seventeenth-Century Crisis

Seminar: READ Western Civilization, pp. 74-106.

## Week Eight: Age of Kings

\*\*\*\*\* NNB: Tuesday October 24 - Mid-Term Test - in class!

Thursday 26 - Constitutionalism

READ: Heritage, Chapter 13 to p. 493, and Howard, Chapter 3.

Week Nine: The Scientific and Commercial Revolutions

Tuesday 31 - Absolutism

READ: Heritage, pp. 493-510

Thursday Nov 2 - Scientific Revolutions

Seminar: READ Western Civilization, pp. 78-81 and Chapter 6, also Heritage, pp. 513-541.

Week Ten: Enlightened Despotism

Tuesday 7 - The Conduct of the Kings

READ: Heritage, Chapters 15, 17.

Thursday 9 - War and Society.

SEMINAR: READ Howard, Chapter 4 and Heritage, Chapter 16.

Week Eleven: The Enlightenment

Tuesday 14 - Society and Thought

READ: Heritage, Chapter 18,

Thursday 16 - The Smile of Reason

SEMINAR: READ Western Civilization, Chapter 8, SHWC, pp. 28-105

Week Twelve: Age of Revolution

Tuesday 21 - Crisis of the Ancien Regime

READ: Heritage, Chapter 19

Thursday 23 - A New Age of Man

SEMINAR: READ Western Civilization, Chapter 9; SHWC, pp. 106-117.

Week Thirteen: Personalities and Principles

Tuesday 28 - Terror and Tyranny

FILM: Part 1

Thursday 30 - A World in Chaos

FILM: Part 2

Week Fourteen: Napoleon - For and Against

Tuesday Dec 5 - Napoleon: Conflicting Interpretations

READ: Heritage, pp. 729-745, Howard, Chapter 5.

Dec 7 - Thursday -The Twenty-Five Years' War.

READ: Western Civilization, Chapter 10

NB: Christmas Test: To Be Announced

Term Two

Week One: Thursday Jan 4 A World Restored

READ: Heritage, pp. 745-751

Week Two: - Conservatism, Romanticism and Reform

Tuesday 9 - Politics and Ideas

READ: Heritage, pp. 750-798

SEMINAR: READ Western Civilization, Chapter 11

Thursday 11 - Dark Satanic Mills

READ: Heritage, pp. 801-823.

SEMINAR: READ Western Civilization, Chapter 12.

Week Three: - To the Barricades!

Tuesday 16 - 1848: The Revolutionary Cycle

READ: Heritage, pp. 824-836, Western Civilization, pp. 231-233.

Thursday 18 - Classes and Masses

SEMINAR: READ SWHC, pp. 119-170.

Week Four: Classes and Nations

Tuesday 23 - Mid-Century Nationalism and Liberalism

READ: Western Civilization, pp. 259-268, 278-281  
Civilization, Chapter 23

Thursday 25 - Wars of the Nations

READ: Heritage, pp. 842-866; Howard, Chapter 6.

Week Five: The Age of Progress

Tuesday 30 - Machines or People

READ: Heritage, pp. 867-918; SWHC, pp. 171-201, 215-228.

Thursday Feb 1 - Cultures of Despair or Hope?

SEMINAR: READ Heritage, Chapter 25; Western Civilization, Chapter 14.

Week Six: Empire and War

Tuesday - Imperialism

READ: Heritage, pp. 955-971,  
Western Civilization, pp. 268-277, 281-285; SHWC, pp. 229-245.

Thursday - Slaughter

READ: Heritage, pp. 971-996; Western Civilization, pp. 319-325, 330-335, 337-343.  
also Howard, Chapter 7.

Week Seven: War and Revolution

Tuesday - 1917 and its Aftermath

READ: Heritage, Chapter 27; Western Civilization, pp. 325-330, 335-336, 343-345.

Thursday - Why Lenin, Why Stalin?

READ: SHWC, pp. 202-214.

Winter Break: February 26-March 1, 1996

Week Eight: Democracy and Depression

Tuesday, March 5 - Disorder

READ: Heritage, Chapter 28

Thursday 7 - Disaster

SEMINAR: READ Western Civilization, Chapter 16;  
SHWC, pp. 245-257.

Week Nine: Totalitarianism

Tuesday - Italian, German and Russian Variants

READ: SHWC, pp. 257-264.

Thursday - The True Face of Tyranny

SEMINAR: READ Western Civilization, Chapter 17;  
SHWC, pp. 264-274.

Week Ten: Ordeal of Total War

Tuesday - Survival

READ: Heritage, Chapter 29.

Thursday - Turning Points

NB: Research Essay Due !!!

Week Eleven: Occupied Europe

Tuesday - Cold Warriors

READ: Heritage, Chapter 30

Thursday - Colonialism and Internationalism

SEMINAR: READ Western Civilization, Chapter 18

Week Twelve: Europe Restored, Again

Tuesday - Turbulence, Alarms and Dissidence

READ: Howard, Epilogue.

Thursday - The New Europe

READ: Heritage, Chapter 31

Week Thirteen: Present Perspectives

Tuesday - READ: Western Civilization,

Thursday - European Prospects

SEMINAR: READ Chapter 19; SHWC, pp. 275-309.

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 20% 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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Grande Prairie Regional College  
Department of Humanities and Social Science  
HI2040: Europe since the Renaissance  
Instructor: Dr. Duff W. Crerar  
Essay Assignment: Term One

Fall 1995

Topic: What was the essence of Renaissance Humanism? Is it the same as modern Humanism? Using the course textbooks and some of the materials in 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, for example, are found in our library. You should consult at least ONE, and preferably TWO, to complete your research:

1. Paul Oscar Kristeller, Renaissance Thought and its Sources, (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