

History 2040: European History since the Renaissance  
 Grande Prairie Regional College  
 (6 Credits)  
 Fall/Winter, 1996-1997  
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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)

Derfler, Leslie. An Age of Conflict: Readings in 20th Century European History.  
 Harcourt, Brace, 1990.

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 5: Course Introduction -- The Survivors  
 READ: Heritage, pp. lxx-lxxvii.

## Week Two: Renaissance Roots

Tuesday 10 The Ancient Heritage

READ: Heritage, pp. xl-lxx.

- Medieval Society and Government

READ: Heritage, pp. lxxviii-xcv.

Thursday 12 - Crisis and Conflict

READ: Heritage, pp. 324-352.

## Week Three: Renaissance: Society and Culture

Tuesday 17 - Society and Culture

READ: Heritage, Chapter 10 to page 367.

Thursday 19 - The Arts

READ: Heritage, pp. 367-372.Seminar: READ Western Civilization, pp. 12-15.

## Week Four: Renaissance: Statecraft and Thought

Tuesday 24 - The Prince and the Republic in Tension

READ: Heritage, pp. 373-399.

Thursday 26 - Renaissance Humanism: The Debate

Seminar: READ Western Civilization, Chapter 1

## Week Five: The Reformations

Tuesday 1 - Protestant

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

Thursday 3 - Roman Catholic

READ: Heritage, pp. 425-430, and Western Civilization, pp. 33-47.NBB: 1st Essay Due - in class - on October 31!

## Week Six: Societies Militant

Tuesday 8 - Sixteenth Century Society

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

Thursday 10 - 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 15 - Religious Fury

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

Thursday 17 - The Seventeenth Century Crisis

Seminar: READ Western Civilization, pp. 74-105.

## Week Eight: Age of Kings

\*\*\*\*\* NBB: Tuesday October 22 - Mid-Term Test - in class!

Thursday 24 - Constitutionalism

READ: Heritage, Chapter 13 to p. 493

Week Nine: The Scientific and Commercial Revolutions

Tuesday 29 - Absolutism

READ: Heritage, pp. 493-510

Thursday 31 - Scientific Revolutions

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

Week Ten: Enlightened Despotism

Tuesday Nov 5 - The Conduct of the Kings

READ: Heritage, Chapters 15, 17.

Thursday 7 - War and Society.

SEMINAR: READ Heritage, Chapter 16.

Week Eleven: The Enlightenment

Tuesday 12 - Society and Thought

READ: Heritage, Chapter 18.

Thursday 14 - The Smile of Reason

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

Week Twelve: Age of Revolution

Tuesday 19 - Crisis of the Ancien Regime

READ: Heritage, Chapter 19

Thursday 21 - A New Age of Man

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

Week Thirteen: Personalities and Principles

Tuesday 26 - Terror and Tyranny

FILM: Part 1

Thursday 28 - A World in Chaos

FILM: Part 2

Week Fourteen: Napoleon - For and Against

Tuesday Dec 3 - Napoleon: Conflicting Interpretations

READ: Heritage, pp. 729-745.

Dec 5 - Thursday - The Twenty-Five Years' War.

READ: Western Civilization, Chapter 10

NB: Christmas Test: To Be Announced

Term Two

Week One: Tuesday Jan 7 - After the Deluge  
 Thursday Jan 9 - A World Restored  
 READ: Heritage, pp. 745-751

Week Two: - Conservatism, Romanticism and Reform  
 Tuesday 14 - Politics and Ideas  
 READ: Heritage, pp. 750-798  
 SEMINAR: READ Western Civilization, Chapter 11  
 Thursday 16 - Dark Satanic Mills  
 READ: Heritage, pp. 801-823.  
 SEMINAR: READ Western Civilization, Chapter 12.

Week Three: - To the Barricades!  
 Tuesday 21 - 1848: The Revolutionary Cycle  
 READ: Heritage, pp. 824-836, Western Civilization,  
 pp. 231-233.  
 Thursday 23 - Classes and Masses  
 SEMINAR: READ SWHC, pp. 119-170.

Week Four: Classes and Nations  
 Tuesday 28 - Mid-Century Nationalism and Liberalism  
 READ: Western Civilization, pp. 259-268, 278-281  
Civilization, Chapter 23  
 Thursday 30 - Wars of the Nations  
 READ: Heritage, pp. 842-866.

Week Five: The Age of Progress  
 Tuesday Feb 4 - Machines or People  
 READ: Heritage, pp. 867-918; SWHC, pp. 171-201,  
 215-228.  
 Thursday Feb 5 - Cultures of Despair or Hope?  
 SEMINAR: READ Heritage, Chapter 25; Western  
Civilization, Chapter 14; Derfler, Chapter 1.

Week Six: Empire and War  
 Tuesday Feb 13 - Imperialism  
 READ: Heritage, pp. 955-971,  
Western Civilization, pp. 268-277, 281-285; SWHC,  
 pp. 229-245.  
 Thursday Feb 14 - Slaughter  
 READ: Heritage, pp. 971-996; Western  
Civilization, pp. 319-325, 330-335, 337-343; Derfler,  
 Chapter 2.

## Week Seven: War and Revolution

Tuesday Feb 18 - 1917 and its Aftermath

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

Thursday Feb 20 - Why Lenin, Why Stalin?

READ: SHWC, pp. 202-234; Derfler, Chapters 3-4.

Winter Break: February 24-28, 1997

## Week Eight: Democracy and Depression

Tuesday, March 4 - Disorder

READ: Heritage, Chapter 28

Thursday 6 - Disaster

SEMINAR: READ Western Civilization, Chapter 16;  
SHWC, pp. 245-257; Derfler, Chapter 6.

## Week Nine: Totalitarianism

Tuesday 11 - Italian, German and Russian Variants

READ: SHWC, pp. 257-264; Derfler, Chapter 5.

Thursday 13 - The True Face of Tyranny

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

## Week Ten: Ordeal of Total War

Tuesday 18 - Survival

READ: Heritage, Chapter 29; Derfler, Chapt 7.

Thursday 20 - Turning Points

READ: Derfler, Chapter 8.

NB: Research Essay Due !!!

## Week Eleven: Occupied Europe

Tuesday 25 - Cold Warriors

READ: Heritage, Chapter 30; Derfler, Chapt. 9.

Thursday 27 - Colonialism and Internationalism

SEMINAR: READ Western Civilization, Chapter 18;  
Derfler, Chapt. 10.

## Week Twelve: Europe Restored, Again

Tuesday April 1 - Turbulence, Alarms and Dissidence

READ: Derfler, Chapt 11.

Thursday April 3 - The New Europe

READ: Heritage, Chapter 31; Derfler, Chapt 12.

## Week Thirteen: Present Perspectives

Tuesday April 8 - READ: Western Civilization, 19.

Thursday April 10 - European Prospects

READ: SHWC, pp. 275-309; Derfler, Chapt 13.

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 9 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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Essay Assignment: Term One

Fall 1996

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.

4. Copies of The Humanist, in Library Periodicals.

Worth: 15%

Late Penalty: see course outline.

Due: see course outline