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Grande Prairie Regional College
Department of Humanities and Social Sciences

1991-92

History 204: European History since the Renaissance

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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:

Mortimer Chambers, et. al. The Western Experience: The Early Modern Period. Fifth Edition, Volume II. McGraw-Hill, 1991.

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

Outline:

September 5: Course Introduction

Week One: Legacies

- Tuesday - Sources and Shapes of the Past
- Thursday - The Ancient Heritage

Week Two: Renaissance Beginnings

- Tuesday - Economy and Society
READ: Western Experience, Chapter 11, pp. 418-437.
- Thursday - Church and State
READ: Ibid., pp. 437-459.

Week Three: Renaissance: Society and Culture

Tuesday - Society and Culture

READ: Western Experience, Chapter 12

Thursday - The Arts

READ: Western Experience, Essay on Renaissance Art, p. 433ff, and Western Civilization, pp. 12-15.

Week Four: Renaissance: Statecraft and Thought

Tuesday - The Prince and the Republic in Tension

READ: Western Experience, Chapter 13

Thursday - Renaissance Humanism: A Debate

READ: Western Civilization, Chapter 1

Week Five: The Reformations

Tuesday - Protestant

READ: Western Experience, Chapter 14, pp. 537-558, and Western Civilization, pp. 24-33.

Thursday - Roman Catholic

READ: Ibid., pp. 559-568, and Western Civilization, pp. 33-49.

NBB: 1st Essay Due !!

Week Six: Churches Militant

Tuesday - Erasmus and Luther

READ: Introduction to Contemporary Civilization in the West, 3rd Edition, Vol. 1, pp. 629-646, 700-712, 717-730 (RESERVE)

Thursday - Calvin, Loyola, Council of Trent, the Inquisition

READ: Ibid., pp. 740-751, 767-776 (RESERVE)

Week Seven: War and Crisis

Tuesday - Religious Fury

READ: Western Experience, Chapter 15; and Western Civilization, pp. 56-68.

Thursday - The Seventeenth Century Crisis Debate

READ: Western Civilization, pp. 71-90, 93-111.

Week Eight: The Scientific Revolution

Tuesday - A New Heavens

READ: Western Experience, Chapter 16

Thursday - A New Earth

READ: Western Civilization, pp. 91-92 and Chapter 6.

Week Nine: Age of Kings

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***** NNB: Tuesday - Mid-Term Test

Thursday - Absolutism and Constitutionalism
READ: Western Experience, Chapter 17

Week Ten: Enlightened Despotism

Tuesday - The Conduct of the Kings

READ: Western Experience, Chapter 18

Thursday - Government and Society

READ: Western Civilization, Chapter 7

Week Eleven: The Enlightenment

Tuesday - Thought

READ: Western Experience, Chapter 19

Thursday - The Smile of Reason

READ: Western Experience, Art Essay II, p. 720ff.
Also Western Civilization, Chapter 8

Week Twelve: Age of Revolution

Tuesday - Crisis of the Ancien Regime

READ: Western Experience, Chapter 20

Thursday - A New Age of Man

READ: Western Civilization, Chapter 9

Week Thirteen: The French Imperium

Tuesday - Terror and Tyranny

READ: Western Experience, Chapter 21

Thursday - A World in Chaos

READ: Western Civilization, Chapter 10

Week Fourteen:

Tuesday - Retrospect and Assessment

Christmas Test: To Be Announced

Week One: A World Restored

- Tuesday - Order and Tradition Restored
READ: Western Experience, Chapter 22, pp. 867-883
- Thursday - Conservatism and Romanticism
READ: Western Civilization, pp. 227-233, 243-245, 247-248.

Week Two: Liberalism

- Tuesday - Liberal Governments
READ: Western Experience, Chapter 22, pp. 884-906.
- Thursday - 1848: The Revolutionary Cycle
READ: Western Civilization, 233-241, 246, 248-252.

Week Three: Industry and Society

- Tuesday - Dark Satanic Mills
READ: Western Experience, Chapter 23
- Thursday - Social Conditions
READ: Western Civilization, Chapter 12

Week Four: Classes and Nations

- Tuesday - Mid-Century Nationalism and Liberalism
READ: Western Experience, Chapter 24
- Thursday - Wars of the Nations
READ: Western Civilization, pp. 279-289, 299-302.

Week Five: The Age of Progress

- Tuesday - Machines and Men
READ: Western Experience, Chapter 25.
- Thursday - The Price
READ: Western Civilization, Chapter 14, and
Western Experience, Art Essay III, p. 1053ff.

Week Six: Empire and War

- Tuesday - Imperialism
READ: Western Experience, Chapter 26, pp. 1057-1081; Western Civilization, pp. 289-298, 302-306.
- Thursday - Slaughter
READ: Western Experience, pp. 1082-1096; Western Civilization, pp. 341-347, 352-358, 360-367.

Week Seven: War and Revolution

- Tuesday - 1917 and its Aftermath
READ: Western Experience, Chapter 26, pp. 1097-1118; Western Civilization, pp. 347-352, 359, 368-370.
- Thursday - Why Lenin, Why Stalin

February: Winter Break

Week Nine: Democracy and Depression

Tuesday - Disorder

READ: Western Experience, Chapter 27

Thursday - Disaster

READ: Western Civilization, Chapter 16

Week Ten: Totalitarianism

Tuesday - Italian, German and Russian Variants

READ: Western Experience, Chapter 28, pp. 1161-1204.

Thursday - The True Face of Tyranny

READ: Western Civilization, Chapter 17

Week Eleven: Ordeal of Total War

Tuesday - Survival

READ: Western Experience, pp. 1205-1219.

Thursday - Turning Points

READ: Western Experience, pp. 1218-1233.

NB: Research Essay Due !!!

Week Twelve: Occupied Europe

Tuesday - Cold Warriors

READ: Western Experience, pp. 1234-1265.

Thursday - Colonialism and Internationalism

READ: Western Civilization, Chapter 18

Week Thirteen: Europe Restored, Again

Tuesday - Turbulent Sixties

Thursday - Struggling Seventies

Week Fourteen: Present Perspectives

Tuesday - The New Europe

READ: Western Experience, Chapter 30

Thursday - Old and New Problems

READ: Western Civilization, Chapter 19

Last Class: April 14, 1992: Retrospect and Assessment

Final Exam: To Be Announced

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 the approaches taken by historians to the topics as well as the issues raised by the events covered in each class session. The tests will be short answer in nature, while the examination will include both short answer and essay-type questions. 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 10% 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 10 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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