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COURSE: SOCIAL SCIENCE 0120
THE GROWTH OF WESTERN SOCIETY

TEXT: Our Western Heritage (1981)

DESCRIPTION:

This course will describe and analyze the major movements of Western history from 1500 to 1900. It will begin with the emergence of modern Western values in the Renaissance and lead to the key ideas and values that were characteristic of Western society before World War I.

<u>UNITS</u>	<u>CONCEPTS</u>	<u>ISSUES</u>	<u>TIME</u>
1. The Renaissance	-humanism -secularism	What values are being born or reborn today?	2 weeks
2. The Age of Discovery	-imperialism -slavery	Was the discovery of the New World a good thing?	2 weeks
3. The Reformation	-doctrine -heresy -Protestantism -Catholicism	Does religion still provide the source of absolute values today?	2 weeks
4. The Growth of British parliamentary democracy	-absolutism -divine right -Bill of Rights - political parties -cabinet gov't	What causes political change?	3 weeks

5. French Revolution	concept of class -revolution -concept of "great individual	What are the causes and stages of a revolution?	3 weeks
6. Unification of Germany and Italy	-liberalism -conservatism -nationalism	What are the negative and positive aspects of nationalism?	1 week
7. The Industrial Revolution	-systems of production -capitalism -socialism -classical liberalism	What are the technological effects on society?	2weeks

EVALUATION:

Unit tests (7)	- 40%
Writing	- 8%
Classroom Work	- 20%
Final Exam	- 30%