

Grande Prairie Regional College  
Department of Arts, Education and Commerce  
H11110: The Early Modern World  
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**Introduction:** This course is an introductory survey of global history, covering the major political, cultural, intellectual and economic development of the world from the fifteenth century through to 1815. Its goal is to provide a foundation for advanced study in history and related topics. Students will encounter a variety of historical writings and research methods, as well as construct and write their own research paper by the end of the course.

**Text:**

Craig, Graham, Kagan, Ozment, Turner, **Heritage of World Civilizations, Vol. 2: Since 1500.**  
Fifth edition, Prentice-Hall

Other readings will be assigned from time to time, placed on reserve at the LRC, for reading and reflection papers.

Course Outline:

September 9: Let's Get Started

September 14: Back of the Beginning - The East  
16: Back of the Beginning - the West

September 21: Reformation in Europe (pp. 449-464)  
23: Counter Reformation Europe (pp. 464-485, 492-493)

September 28: Africa: Empire and Islam (pp. 494-505)  
30: Africa: Kingdoms and Cultures (pp. 505-516)

October 5: America: Spanish Archetype (pp. 488-491; 518-530)  
7: America: Imitators and Competitors (pp. 530-541)

October 12: Red, Black and White: Early Western Race Relations  
14: Mid-term Exam

October 19: China and Vietnam: Order and Tradition (pp. 544-558, 577-580)  
21: Japan and Korea: Chaos and Revolution (pp. 558-577, 550-581)

October 26: Europe: Constitutionalism (pp. 584-593)  
28: Europe: Absolutism (pp. 593-609)

November 2: The Ancien Regime: Peasant and Pauper (pp. 612-623)  
4: Roots of Revolution (pp. 623-634)

November 9: The Military Revolution  
11 Remembrance Day

- November 16: Islam in Crisis: Empires Decay (pp. 636-644)  
 18: Islam in Crisis: Schism and Siege (pp. 644-656)
- November 23: Enlightenment: Thought and Government (pp. 658-685)  
 25: Revolution: America and France (pp. 687-701)
- November 30: Napoleonic Europe (pp. 702-708)  
 December 2: Independence in Latin America (pp. 708-716)
- December 7: A World Restored? (pp. 719-723)  
 9: Review and Wrap-up
- Final Exam: TBA

#### Requirements and Grading:

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| 1. Mid-term Exam; written October 14 in class.          | 20% |
| 2. Reflection papers and Participation                  | 20% |
| 3. Major Essay: (approximately 2000 words). Due Nov. 12 | 30% |
| 4. Final Exam: written in December during Exam period.  | 30% |

**Late essays will be penalized one stanine grade for each week they are late unless there is a compelling reason for the tardiness.**

Reflections on Reflection papers: You will find in the Library, at the Reserve shelf (ask at the main Library desk), a number of very short essays giving sometimes controversial versions of critical events or turning point in the history of the world. You should read at least three (3) of them, and submit a one-page typed reflection on EACH reading you do. This should identify the thesis of each article, and assess its validity, based on what the article says and what you think yourself. I must have at least three of these handed in by the end of class, or else I will give no mark for attendance and reflection (bring them any time before the end of classes in December). Take this very seriously: it's worth 20% of your mark.