

Grande Prairie Regional College
History 1110
The Early Modern World
1997

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This course is designed as an introductory survey of "global history". It covers the major political, cultural, intellectual and economic developments of the world from the 15th century through the 18th century. Its goal is to provide a foundation for advanced study in history and related fields.

Basic Required Readings:

William H. MacNeill, A History of the Human Community Vol. II: 1500 to the Present. (1997; 5th edition)

Lynn H. Nelson, Steven K. Drummond, The Human Perspective: Readings in World Civilization Vol. II (1997)

Paul Kennedy, The Rise and Fall of Great Powers (1989)

Additional readings will be on reserve in the LRC. Readings will be assigned on a weekly basis.

Requirements and Grading:

- i) Mid - term exam: written on Oct. 16 - 30%
- ii) Major essay (approx. 2000 words in length) due Nov. 18 - 40%
- iii) End of term exam (written in Dec.) - 30%

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

Topics and Schedule

Sept.

- 4 Introduction
 - 9 Europe in Transition: The Renaissance
 - 11 Europe in Transition: The Reformation
 - 16 Europe in Transition: The Counter Reformation
 - 18 Europe in Transition: Economic Growth and Expansion
 - 23 Europe in Transition: Voyages of Discovery and Colonial Rivalries
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- 25 The New World: The Spanish Empire in the Americas
 - 27 The New World: The British and French in North America
 - 30 Trans Atlantic Connections: Africa and the Slave Trade
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Oct.

- 2 Eastward Ho: India
 - 7 Europe and Asia: An Overview
 - 9 The Celestial Empire: China
 - 14 Land of the Rising Sun: Japan
 - 16 Mid - term
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- 23 Dynasties and Politics: Spain and Its Rivals
26 Dynasties and Politics: Britain and France
30 Dynasties and Politics: The Germanies
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Nov.

- 4 Islam and the Middle East
6 Eastern Europe and the Emergence of Russia
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- 13 Europe's Old Regime: A Social Overview
18 The Enlightenment: The Scientific Revolution
20 The Enlightenment: The Philosophes
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- 25 The American Revolution
27 The French Revolution

Dec.

- 2 Napoleonic Rule
3 The Emergence of a New Europe