

Grande Prairie Regional College
History 1120
The Modern World
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This course is designed as an introductory survey of "globe history". It covers the major political, cultural, intellectual and economic developments of the world since the beginning of the 19th century to the present. Its goal is to provide a foundation for advanced study of 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: Reading in World Civilization Vol. II (1997)

Paul Kenndy, 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 Feb. 19 - 30%
- ii) Major essay (approx. 2000 words in length): due March 5 - 40%
- iii) End of term exam: written in April - 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

Jan.

6 Introduction

8 The Industrial Revolution, 1800 - 1850

13 Europe 1815 - 1850: Restorations, Reforms and Revolutions

15 The Unification of Italy and Germany

20 Europe 1850 - 1914: Britain and France

22 Europe 1850 - 1914: Germany, Austria - Hungary and Russia

27 Capitalistic Europe and the Globe

29 Third Worlds in the Making: Latin America

Feb.

3 Third Worlds in the Making: The Middle East

5 Third Worlds in the Making: Africa

10 Third Worlds in the Making: India

12 Third Worlds in the Making: China

17 The Exception: Japan

19 Mid - term exam

Winter Break

March

3 Toward World War One

5 War and the Peace

10 The Bolshevik Revolution and the Soviet Union

12 The Retreat of Liberal Democracies

19 Hitler and World War Two

24 Divided Europe and the Cold War

26 Decolonization: The Impact of WW I and WW II

31 Decolonization: India and Asia

April

2 Decolonization: Africa

7 Decolonization: Egypt and the Middle East

9 The Chinese Revolution

14 From the Cold War to a Brave New World