

Grande Prairie Regional College

History 1120

The Modern World

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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 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:

Craig, Graham, Kagan, Ozment, Turner, *The Heritage of World Civilizations Volume 11: Since 1500* (5th edition, 2000)

Additional readings will be assigned and placed on reserve in the LRC.

Requirements and Grading:

- i) Mid – term test October – February 21 – 30%
- ii) Major essay (approx. 2000 words in length) – due March 5* – 40%
- iii) End of term test 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

January

3 Introduction/Industrial Revolution 1760 – 1850 Part 1

Readings: Text Chap. 22 pp. 623 – 635

LRC: Article One Duncan Bythell, *Cottage Industry and the Factory System*

LRC: Article Two John U. Nef, *An Early Energy Crisis and its Consequences*

8 Industrial Revolution 1760 – 1850 Part 11

Readings: Text Chap. 26 pp. 730 – 739

LRC: Article Three Bruce Watson, *For a While, Luddites Had a Smashing Success*

10 Europe 1815 – 1850: Restoration, Reforms and Revolutions

Readings: Text Chap. 26 pp. 719 – 726; Chap. 26 pp. 739 – 743

15 The Unification of Italy and Germany

Readings: Text Chap. 27 pp. 749 – 754

17 Europe 1850 – 1914: France and Britain
Readings: Text Chap. 27 pp. 754 – 757; Chap.27 pp.761 – 764.

22 Europe 1850 – 1914: Germany, Austria – Hungary and Russia
Readings: Text: Chap. 27 pp. 757 – 761.

24 Capitalistic Europe and the Globe
Readings Text pp. 772 – 775 (Comparative.... Technology and Civilizations)

28 Third Worlds in the Making: Latin America
Readings: Text Chap. 30 pp.829 – 851

31 Third Worlds in the Making: The Middle East
Readings: Text Chap. 31 pp. 861 – 866

February

5 Third Worlds in the Making: Africa
Readings: Text Chap. 31 pp.866 – 877

7 Third Worlds in the Making: India
Readings: Text Chap. 23 pp. 648 – 652; Chap. 31 pp.854 – 861

12 Third Worlds in the Making China
Readings: Text Chap. 20 pp.546 – 558; Chap. 32 pp.881 – 892
LRC Reserve Article Four Samuel M. Wilson, *Coffee, Tea, or Opium*

14 The Exception: Japan
Readings: Text Chap.20 pp.558 – 575; Chap.32 pp. 896 – 909
LRC Reserve: Article Five: James Fallows, *After Centuries of Japanese Isolation, a Fateful Meeting of East and West*
LRC. Reserve Article Six Richard Perren, *On the Turn – Japan, 1900*

19 Toward World War One
Readings: Text Chap. 33 pp.921 – 929

21 Mid – term test

Winter Break

March

5 War and Peace (**Essay Due**)
Readings: Text Chap. 33 pp.929 – 945

7 The Bolshevik Revolution and the Soviet Union
Readings: Text Chap. 33 pp.937 – 938;Chap. 34 pp. 947 – 954

12 The Retreat of Liberal Democracies
Readings: Text. Chap. 34 pp. 954 – 969

14 Hitler and World War Two
Readings: Text Chap. 35 pp.971 – 997; Chap. 32 pp. 909 - 913
LRC Reserve, Article Seven, William Lanouette, *Why We Dropped the Bomb*

19 Divided Europe and the Cold War
Readings: Text Chap. 36 pp.999 – 1025
LRC Reserve Article Eight Raymond L. Garthoff, *Berlin 1961: The Record Corrected*

21 Decolonization: The Impact of WW 1 and WW 11
Readings: Text Chap. 38 pp.1059 – 1061

26 Decolonization: India and Asia
Readings: Text Chap. 38 pp.1074 – 1077

28 Decolonization: Africa
Readings: Text Chap. 38 pp.1061 – 1066
LRC Reserve Article Nine George B.N. Ayittey, *A Decade of Decline*

April

2 Decolonization: Egypt and the Middle East
Readings: Text Chap. 38 pp.1066 – 1074

4 The Chinese Revolution
Readings: Text Chap. 32 pp.892 – 896; Chap 37 pp.1042 – 1049

9 Latin America Since WW 11
Readings: Text Chap. 38 pp.1077 – 1085

11 From the Cold War to a Brave New World
Readings: Text Chap. 38 pp.1085 – 1088
LRC. Reserve Article Ten Shlomo Avineri, *Return to History: The Breakup of the Soviet Union*
LRC Reserve John Bongaarts, *Can the Growing Population Feed Itself?*