

COURSE: SOCIAL SCIENCE 0130 - THE GROWTH OF THE GLOBAL PERSPECTIVE

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TEXT: Our Western Heritage (1981)

DESCRIPTION:

This course will covered the basic political and economic systems of 20th century societies. Also, it will describe and analyze the major historical events of this century, starting with the nationalistic and competitive state system of the late 19th century and ending with the new global perspective of interdependence that is beginning to emerge.

<u>UNITS</u>	<u>CONCEPTS</u>	<u>ISSUES</u>	<u>TIME</u>
1. Economic and Political Systems	-public and private economic systems -Democracy and Dictatorships	-What are the strengths of each system? -Which systems are best suited to 20th society?	(11 days)
2. Background to World War I, events of the war, and peace treaties	-19th century nationalism. -balance of power -imperialism -militarism -alliances	-Was W.W.I inevitable? -What can make a peace treaty effective?	(13 days)

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| 3. Growth of new political and economic systems | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-capitalism <i>in</i> practice</li> <li>-Great Depression</li> <li>- Marxism</li> <li>- Russian Revolution</li> <li>-Communist practice in U.S.S.R. under Lenin and Stalin</li> <li>-Rise of Fascism</li> <li>-Nazism</li> <li>-totalitarianism</li> </ul>   | <p>How capitalism was changed by the economic crisis of the 1930's? <span style="float: right;">✓6 days)</span></p> <p>How Lenin and Stalin changed Marxism and why?</p> <p>What conditions led to collapse of democracy?</p>   |
| 4. The causes and course of World War II        | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-collective security</li> <li>-appeasement</li> <li>-Axis imperialism</li> <li>-major <i>events</i> of war</li> <li>-<del>Holocaust</del></li> <li>- peace settlements</li> </ul>  | <p>What lessons can be drawn about aggression from this period? <span style="float: right;">(13 days)</span></p>  |
| 5. The post-war period                          | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Cold War</li> <li>-competing ideologies</li> <li>-containment</li> <li>- examples of direct and indirect confrontation</li> <li>-Nuclear deterrence</li> <li>- decolonization of Third World</li> <li>-Major world leaders</li> <li>-Rise of United Nations</li> <li>-International organizations, economically and politically</li> <li>-Wars of liberation</li> </ul> | <p>What were the causes of the Cold War?</p> <p>What were the characteristics of the Cold War?</p> <p>How was a major conflict avoided?</p> <p>What factors contributed to the end of colonization?</p> <p>What problems do Third World Countries have?</p> <p style="text-align: right;">(17 days)</p> |