HIST 1512 - World Civilization from 1500

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Course Description

1512. World Civilization from 1500. Development of the major civilizations of the world from 1500 to the present. 3 s.h.

Course Readings

Group	Title	Author	ISBN
Required	Worlds Together, Worlds Apart, vol. 2: From 1000CE to the Present, 4th edition	Adelman, Pollard, Rosenberg, Tignor	978-1-324-06969-0

Your textbook is available through First-Day-Ready via the BlackBoard site. YSU Bookstore says: "Access your materials within your course in Blackboard. The selected required digital materials for this course are included as a course charge at a discounted rate and will be delivered automatically."

The course readings are subject to change in the event of extenuating circumstances, research developments, current events, and/or to ensure better learning.

Schedule of Topics and Assignments

Week of	Reading(s)	Proposed Topic	Due/To Prepare for Class
8/24	Chapter 12: "Contact, Commerce, and Colonization." AND Document 12.4, pp. 578-79: "Commentary on Foreigners" by He Ao.	European Expansion; The Ottoman Empire; International Trade 1400s-1600s	Module 1 Assignment due Aug. 30
8/31	Chapter 13: "Worlds Entangled, 1600-1750."AND Document, 13.4, pp. 631-32: "Population Statistics of the Bahia Sugar Plantations, Brazil (1835)."	Growing global trade networks; 17th-18th century Asia; European Empires; Slave Trades.	Module 2 Assignment due Sept 6.
9/7	Chapter 14: "Cultures of Splendor and Power, 1500-1780." AND Document 14.2, pp. 675-76, Adam Smith, "The Propensity to Truck, Barter, and Exchange (1776)". AND Document 14.5, p. 679, "An Edict on Trade (1793)" by the Qianlong Emperor of China	The Islamic World; Science and Enlightenment in Europe; From Mercantilism to Capitalism in the West	Module 3 Assignment due NEXT WEEK Sept. 20

9/14	Continue chapter 14 as per last week	The Islamic World; Science and Enlightenment in Europe; From Mercantilism to Capitalism in the West	Module 3 Assignment due Sept 20.
9/21	Chapter 15: “Reordering the World.” AND Document 15.3, pp. 727-28, "The Haitian Declaration of Independence.”	American, French, and Haitian Revolutions; Latin American Independence; Industrial Revolution; Further Growth of European Power	Module 4 Assignment due NEXT WEEK, Oct. 4
9/28	Continue chapter 15 as per last week	American, French, and Haitian Revolutions; Latin American Independence; Industrial Revolution; Further Growth of European Power	Module 4 Assignment due Oct 4.
10/5	Chapter 16: “Alternative Visions of the Nineteenth Century.” AND Document 16.1, pp. 773-74, by Shawnee Amerindian leader Tenskwatawa.	Anti-colonial Movements; Working-class Movements.	Module 5 Assignment due October 11
10/12	Chapter 17: “Nations and Empires.” AND Document 17.4, pp 833-35 “General Act of the Conference of Berlin concerning the Congo (1885).”	The High Tide of Western Empires; Second Industrial Revolution; Russia, China and Japan in the 19th C.	Module 6 Assignment due Oct 18
10/19	Chapter 18: “An Unsettled World.” AND Document 18.2, pp. 879-80, "The Emancipation of Women (1876)" by Maria Eugenia Echenique.	Fin de Siècle/The Changing World on the Eve of the 20th C.	Module 7 Assignment due NEXT WEEK, Nov 1.
10/26	Continue reading chapter 18 as per last week	Fin de Siècle/The Changing World on the Eve of the 20th C.	Module 7 Assignment due Nov 1.
11/2	Chap. 19: “Global Crisis, 1910-1939”: AND Document 19.1, pp. 926-27. "The Origins of Totalitarianism (1951)" by Hannah Arendt.	The First World War and Aftermath; The Rise of Communism, Fascism, and Totalitarianism in Europe	Module 8 Assignment due NEXT WEEK, Nov 15
11/9	Continue reading chapter 19 as per last week	The First World War and Aftermath; The Rise of Communism, Fascism, and Totalitarianism in Europe	Module 8 Assignment due Nov 15.
11/16	Chapter 20: “The Three-World Order, 1940-1975.”AND Document 20.2, pp. 979-80, "A Note to the Members of the National Planning Committee (1940)" by Jawaharlal Nehru. AND Visual Images, p. 984, ("Sieg oder Bolshevismus" [Victory or Bolshevism] and "Together.")	The Second World War; Post-War Reconstruction; The Cold War; Decolonization.	Module 9 Assignment due Nov 22.
11/23	Happy Thanksgiving! Two weeks to complete this module.Chapter 21: “Globalization, 1970-2000.” AND Document 21.4, pp. 1032-33,	Growing Global Trade Patterns; The End of the Cold War; The Pax Americana.	Module 10 Assignment due NEXT WEEK, Dec 6.
11/30	Continue reading chapter 21	Growing Global Trade Patterns; The End of the Cold War; The Pax Americana.	Module 10 Assignment due Dec 6.
12/7	No readings. Work on your "Reflective Essay" - due THURSDAY, DEC 10	Reflective Essay	Reflective Essay due Dec. 10.

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