

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
	Worlds Together Worlds Apart, with Sources: Vol. 2: From 1000CE to the Present	Adelman, Pollard, Rosenberg, Tignor	978-1-324-06969-0

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 Sunday 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 Sunday, 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	NOTHING DUE THIS WEEK. Chapter 14 assignment due NEXT WEEK (9/20)
9/14	Continue working on Chapter 14	Continue working on Chapter 14	Module 3 Assignment. Due Sunday 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	NOTHING DUE THIS WEEK. Chapter 15 assignment due NEXT WEEK.
9/28	Continue working on Chapter 15	Continue working on Chapter 15	Module 4 Assignment due Sunday Oct 4
10/5	Chapter 16: "Alternative Visions of the Nineteenth Century." AND Document 16.1, pp. 773-74,	Anti-colonial Movements; Working-class Movements.	Module 5 Assignment due Sunday, Oct 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 Sunday, 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.	NOTHING DUE THIS WEEK. Chapter 18 assignment due NEXT WEEK
10/26	Continue working on Chapter 18	Continue working on Chapter 18	Module 7 Assignment due Sunday, 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.	NOTHING DUE THIS WEEK. Chapter 19 assignment due NEXT WEEK.
11/9	Continue working on Chapter 19	Continue working on Chapter 19	Module 8 Assignment due Sunday, 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 Sunday Nov 22
11/23	Chapter 21: "Globalization, 1970-2000." AND Document 21.4, pp. 1032-33, "Democracy as a Universal Value (1999)."	Growing Global Trade Patterns; The End of the Cold War; The Pax Americana	Happy Thanksgiving! Nothing due until Dec 6.
11/30	Continue working on Chapter 21	Continue working on Chapter 21	Module 10 Assignment due Sunday, Dec. 6
12/7	No readings. Work on Final Assignment - your reflective essay.	Work on your reflective essay	Reflective Essay due THURSDAY, Dec 10

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