

HISTORY 115
WORLD HISTORY SINCE 1500

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MW 11-12, M3-4pm

COURSE DESCRIPTION

History 115 satisfies General Education Segment II requirements. This course is designed to introduce students to a global understanding of world civilizations since 1500. It explores how people in different continents have articulated a view of themselves and the world, a system of values, art, religion, and political institutions. The unifying theme is the view that world history has been shaped by a process of increasing contacts and exchanges between different societies in different parts of the world. That this process accelerated dramatically after 1500 leading to our present global, post-industrial, and multicultural age.

REQUIRED TEXTS

Philip J. Adler. *World Civilizations since 1500.*_Vol II, New York: West Publishing Company, 1996.

Flaubert, Gustave. *Madame Bovary*, New York: Penguin Books, 1986.

Sembene, Ousmane. *God's Bits of Wood*, Oxford, Eng.: Heinemann Educational Publishers, 1995.

Solzhenitsyn, Aleksandr. *One Day in the Life of Ivan Denisovich* (1963).

GRADING

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| - A midterm exam on Oct. 23 | 40% |
| - A reading response (2-3 pages) on a novel agreed upon with the instructor (there will be a handout with directions) | 20% |
| - A final exam (Dec. 18) or Team Project | 40% |

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DATE	LECTURE TOPIC	
	READING	
	ASSIGNMENT	
Aug.28	Introduction. Our world today. Society and Time.	
Sep.4	Labor Day Observed. No class meeting.	
Sep.11	Suleiman the Magnificent. Constantinople and Istambul. Islamic culture and society.	Ch. 27.
Sep.18	Martin Luther's Table Talk Renaissance and Reformation. The European Nation-State. The Age of Global encounters.	Ch. 23-25.
Sep.25	Imperial China. Religion and revival to 1600. Confucius and Lao-Tzu. Samurai and Daimyos in feudal Japan.	Ch. 28,29.
Oct.2	Juana Inez de la Cruz Gender and Culture in Mexico. The Spanish Conquest and Colonization of Latin America.	Ch. 30,39.
Oct.9	Heart of Darkness: the European Invention of Africa. Traditional Africa. Slavery and Commerce.	Ch. 31,38.
Oct. 16	Emma Bovary and the European Enlightenment. Religion and Science. The French Revolution of 1789. * Reading response due	Ch. 32-34, 36.

- Oct.23 **Midterm exam.**
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- Oct.30 **Marx and Darwin on Evolution.** Ch. 40-42.
 Industry and empire.
 The Great War of 1914-1918.
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- Nov.6 **Lenin speaks to the Petrograd Soviet.** Ch. 44,45,47.
 The Bolshevik Revolution.
 The rise of fascism in Europe.
*** Reading response due**
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- Nov.13 **Chairman Mao's Little Red Book** Ch. 46,51.
 Trade and the opening of China.
 From Empire to Republic.
 A Communist Cultural Revolution.
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- Nov.20 Thanksgiving recess. No class meeting.
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- Nov.27 **Kennedy and Cuba, 1961.** Ch. 49,53.
 Dictatorship and Revolution
 in Latin America.
 From hot to cold War.
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- Dec.4 **God's Bits of Wood.** Ch. 50,52.
 The emergence of the Third World.
 Development and underdevelopment.
 Africa Transformed.
*** Reading response due**
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- Dec.15 **Palestine and Israel.** Ch. 37,54,
 Nationalism and religious 55,56.
 fundamentalism.
 Contemporary World Society.
 Culture in Post-modern societies.
 Reappraisal of issues.
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- Dec.18 **Final Exam.**

