

FF '01

SYLLABUS
History 151: World Civilizations I
Chaminade University Fall Evening Session 2001
Wednesdays, October 3 – December 5, 2001

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Course description: This survey of world history from ancient times to 1600 examines historical ideas, movements, events, and personalities in a variety of cultures and time periods and looks for ongoing trends that influence our lives today.

Text: Philip J. Adler, World Civilizations, Volume One, 2nd edition.

Assignments:

1. You are expected to read the chapters assigned from the textbook and to formulate one or two questions on the reading before class. You are encouraged to participate in class or group discussions, and you may be asked to complete some short assignment -- a quiz, impromptu essay, short oral report or the like -- during each class period.
2. You are expected to choose two books from the supplemental reading list, read a segment of about 100 pages of each, and write a two-to-three-page report on what you read. Your report should identify the historical context and thesis or main theme(s) of the passage, show through specific examples how the author develops the thesis, and focus on a particular aspect of the book that interests you. Be prepared to give an impromptu oral presentation based on each book report.
3. You are expected to take three exams, two mid-terms and a final, based on the lectures and the readings. For the midterms, you will be given five or six exam questions to study in advance, three of which will appear on the exam. In class, you will be asked to answer two of the three alternatives in essays of about two pages each. The final exam will follow the same format for the essays but will include an additional section, format to be announced.

Grading: Assignments will be weighted as follows:

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| Each of three exams: | 20% of your grade |
| Each of two book reports: | 15% of your grade |
| Class participation: | 10% of your grade |

Attendance: You are expected to attend all classes and complete all exams and reports on time unless you are called away by military duty, illness, or other emergency. Please let me know in advance if you will be absent.

Class schedule:

- October 3: Read Chapters 1, 2, and 3.
- October 10: Read Chapters 4, 5, 6, and 7.
- October 17: First midterm exam. Read Chapters 8, 9, and 10.
- October 24: Read Chapters 11, 12, and 13. First book report due.
- October 31: Read Chapters 14, 15, and 16.
- November 7: Second midterm exam. Read Chapters 17, 18, and 19.
- November 14: Read Chapters 20, 21, and 22.
- November 21: Read Chapters 23, 24, and 25.
- November 28: Read Chapters 26 and 27. Second book report due.
- December 5: Final exam.

READING LIST

Epic of Gilgamesh

Books of *Genesis* and *Exodus* from the Old Testament

The Gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke, John from the New Testament

Homer, *The Iliad*

Homer, *The Odyssey*

Herodotus, *The Histories*

Thucydides, *The History of the Peloponnesian War*

Polybius, *The Histories*

Livy, *The History of Rome*

Virgil, *The Aeneid*

Plutarch, *Lives*

Flavius Josephus, *The Jewish War*

Juvenal, *Satires*

Augustine, *Confessions*

Gregory of Tours, *History of the Franks*

Murasaki Shikibu, *The Tale of Genji*

Francisco Guicciardini, *The History of Italy*

Machiavelli, *Florentine Histories*

Ruy Gonzalez de Clavijo, *Embassy to Tamerlane 1403-1406.*

Bhagavad Gita

Ibn Batuta, *Travels in Asia and Africa*

Ibn Khaldun, *The Mugaddimah: An Introduction to History*

Chien ssu-ma, *Records of the Grand Historian of China*

Marco Polo, *The Travels of Marco Polo*

Bartolome de Las Casas, *The Devastation of the Indies*

Miguel Leon-Portilla, *The Broken Spears*