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## SYLLABUS for History 15220

Kaneohe MCBH, Fall 1999: Wednesdays, October 6 - December 8, 1730-2140

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*Course description:* This survey of world history from 1500 to the present examines historical movements, events, and personalities in a variety of cultures and time periods and looks for ongoing trends that influence our lives today.

*Text:* McKay, Hill, Buckler, *A History of World Societies II*, fourth 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 will complete some short writing 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 and write a two-to-three-page book report on each. Your report should identify the thesis or main theme(s) of the book, show how the author develops the thesis, and consider the book's pros and cons.
3. You are expected to take two exams, a mid-term and a final. You will be given five or six exam questions to study in advance, two of which will appear on the exam. You will answer one of them in essay form.

*Grading:* Assignments will be weighted as follows:

Midterm and final exams:	25 points possible on each
Book reports:	10 points possible on each
Daily assignments:	5 points possible on each

*Attendance:* You are expected to attend all classes unless you are called away by military duty, illness, or other emergency. Please let me know in advance if you will be absent. Make-up work can be arranged.

### *Calendar of reading assignments in text:*

- October 6: Chapters 16 and 17.
- October 13: Chapters 18 and 19.
- October 20: Chapters 20, 21, and 22.
- October 27: Chapters 23 and 24.
- November 3: First book report due. Midterm exam. Chapters 25 and 26.
- November 10: Chapters 27 and 28.
- November 17: Chapters 29 and 30.
- November 24: Chapters 31 and 32.
- December 1: Chapters 33 and 34.
- December 8: Chapters 35 and 36. Second book report due. Final exam.

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### READING LIST

Please choose two of the books from the following list and write a two-to-three page book report on each. The report should identify the main thesis or theme(s) of the book and show through specific examples how the thesis or theme(s) are developed. It should also include what you consider the pros and cons of the book. The first report is due on or before the date of the midterm exam; the second is due on or before the date of the final exam. Each of these books is available in paperback or from the library. If you would prefer to write your report on a book not on this list, please allow me to approve your selection.

China Achebe, *Things Fall Apart*. Anchor Books, 1959

Isabel Allende, *House of the Spirits*. Bantam Books, 1993.

John Allyn, *The Forty-seven Ronin Story*. Charles E. Tuttle, 1970.

Bartolome de Las Casas, *The Devastation of the Indies*, Johns Hopkins University, 1992.

George Feifer, *Tennozan: The Battle of Okinawa and the Atomic Bomb*. Houghton Mifflin, 1992.

Eugenia Ginzburg, *Journey into the Whirlwind*. Harvest, 1967.

Gunter Grass, *The Tin Drum*. Crest Books, 1961.

Carolina Maria de Jesus, *Child of the Dark*. Mentor Books, 1963.

Kamala Markandaya, *Nectar in a Sieve*. Signet Books, 1954.

Garrett Mattingly, *Armada*. Houghton Mifflin, 1974.

Boris Pasternak, *Dr. Zhivago*. Signet Books, 1957.

Voltaire, *Candide*. Bantam Classics, 1959.