

SSE '00

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History 15210: World Civilizations II

Chaminade University Summer Evening Session 2000

Schofield Barracks: Thursdays, July 6 - September 7, 1730-2140

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Course description: This survey of world history from 1500 to the present 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*, 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 and write a two-to-three-page book report on each. Your report should identify the historical context and thesis or main theme(s) of the book, 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 your book report.
3. You will be asked to select a country or region that has been making the news in recent months and to provide a brief historical background of the events being reported in a written report of about three pages. Be prepared to give an impromptu oral presentation based on your findings.
4. You are expected to take three exams, two mid-terms and a final, based on the lectures and the readings. You will be given five or six exam questions to study in advance, two of which will appear on the exam. In class, you will be asked to answer one of the two alternatives in an essay of about three pages. In the essay, put forth your thesis, make three or four points to support it, and state your conclusions. *It may be to your advantage to study for the exams with other members of the class.*

Grading: Assignments will be weighted as follows:

Exams:	50 points possible on each
Book and country reports:	50 points possible on each
Daily participation:	10 points possible on each

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.

Calendar of reading assignments in text:

July 6: Chapters 26, 27, and 28.

July 13: Chapters 29, 30, and 31.

July 20: Chapters 32, 33, and 34.

July 27: Midterm exam. Chapters 35, 36, and 37.

August 3: First book report due. Chapters 38, 39, and 40.

August 10: Chapters 41, 42, 43, and 44.

August 17: Midterm exam. Chapters 45, 46, 47, and 48.

August 24: Chapters 49, 50, and 51.

September 1: Second book report due. Chapters 52, 53, 54, and 55.

September 8: Chapters 56, 57, and 58. Final exam.

READING LIST

China Achebe, *Things Fall Apart*.

John Allyn, *The Forty-seven Ronin Story*.

Feng Jicai, *The 3-Inch Golden Lotus*.

Eugenia Ginzburg, *Journey into the Whirlwind*.

Carolina Maria de Jesus, *Child of the Dark*.

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

Miguel Leon-Portilla, *The Broken Spears*

Primo Levi, *Survival in Auschwitz*.

Dava Sobel, *Longitude*.

Bernhard Schlink, *The Reader*.

Jonathan Spence, *The Question of Hu*.