

SE 02

History 15220: World Civilizations II
Chaminade University at Kaneohe MCBH
Spring Evening 2002 Semester
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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, Volume 2, Since 1500, 2nd edition.

Assignments: You are expected to:

- (1) 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) 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 of the book, briefly summarize the narrative, and then focus on a particular theme or facet of the book that interests you. Be prepared to give an impromptu oral presentation based on your book report.
- (3) 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 an essay 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: Each exam will be worth 100 points and each book report 50 points, so the maximum score possible for the course is 400 points.

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 and reading assignments in text:

- April 2: Chapters 26, 27, and 28.
- April 9: Chapters 29, 30, 31.
- April 16: Chapters 32, 33, 34.
- April 23: First midterm exam. Chapters 35, 36, and 37.
- April 30: First book report due. Chapters 38, 39, and 40.
- May 7: Chapters 41, 42, 43, and 44.
- May 14: Second midterm exam. Chapters 45, 46, 47, and 48.
- May 21: Second book report due. Chapters 49, 50, and 51, and 52.
- May 28: Chapters 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58.
- June 4: Final exam.

READING LIST

China Achebe, *Things Fall Apart*
Isabel Allende, *House of the Spirits*
John Allyn, *The Forty-seven Ronin Story*
Isaac Babel, *War Diary*
Tadeusz Borowski, *This Way for the Gas, Ladies and Gentlemen*
Iris Chang, *The Rape of Nanking*
Tracy Chevalier, *Girl with a Pearl Earring*
Sheila Fitzpatrick, *The Russian Revolution*
Feng Jicai, *The 3-Inch Golden Lotus*
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*
Erich Maria Remarque, *All Quiet on the Western Front*
Dava Sobel, *Longitude*
Bernhard Schlink, *The Reader*
Jonathan Spence, *The Question of Hu*