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HI324 Modern European History – Politics and Culture  
April 4 – June 6 – Wednesday 1645-2055

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Text: R.R. Palmer and Joel Colton, A History of the Modern World Since 1815, 8<sup>th</sup> Edition, McGraw-Hill, Inc. New York, N.Y., 1995.

Description: A survey of the development of the institutions and ideas of European civilization since 1815. Although presented in a chronological framework, the approach is topical with an emphasis on those factors that led to the expansion and dominance of European society, and then its decline following the Second World War. Within this context, the course seeks to provide a coherent examination of political, social, economic, and cultural movements that have served to provide the bases for our contemporary society. However, it should be understood that the course is of wide scope. Consequently, it concentrates on factual description of “what happened”, rather than probing deeply into causes and effects. Which is not to say that this aspect will be completely ignored, but to come to definite conclusions of this nature would require extensive background, and narrower focus.

Objectives: To provide the student with an appreciation of how historical events affected the lives of people, to change the social, political, and economic structure of European civilization. To attempt to give an understanding of the effects of ideas on the process of History; and the impact of technology on society. Also, by observing the outcome of the answers that our predecessors utilized to solve problems, to provide a background by which to judge the solutions proffered to similar problems of our own time.

Reading/Writing Assignments: The lecture schedule lists required readings from the text and handouts, and students will also be responsible to a book report of approximately four double spaced typewritten pages.

Grading: Grading will be based on a 200-point system, as follows:

Mid-Term Examination...	50 points	Letter Grade: 200-180=A
Writing Assignment.....	45 “	179-160=B
2 Quizzes-15pts/ea.....	30 “	159-140=C
Final Examination.....	75 “	139-120=D
Total.....	200 “	119-0 =F

## LECTURE SCHEDULE – History 324

<u>Date</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Reading Assignment</u>
Apr 4	Introduction.	Geography – Prologue.
11	Industrial & Political Revolution, Liberalism.	Chap XI-XII. HO #1.
18	European Unifications.	Chap XIII. HO #2
25	European Culture & Hegemony. <u>QUIZ #1</u>	Chap XIV-XV. HO #2/3.
May 2	World War #I	Chap XVI. HO #4, Franco-Rus Alliance, First World War.
9	Russian Revolution (the comm. solution) <u>MID-TERM EXAMINATION</u>	Chap XVII. HO #4, West between Wars.
16	Democracy, Depression, Dictatorship.	Chap XVIII-XIX. HO#4, West between Wars.
23	World War II, and after.	Chap XX-XXI. HO#4 World War II.
30	End of European Dominance, Cold War. <u>QUIZ #2</u>	Chap XXII-XXIII. HO#5.
Jun 6	<u>FINAL EXAMINATION.</u>	