

SYLLABUS
Military History HI48080

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Description: A survey of the battles of major military commanders from the Classical period through the 2d World War. Each class will include battles of selected commanders to be analyzed in conjunction with the commander's background and milieu. In some instances, such as the 1940 German drive to the sea in France, an entire campaign will be examined.

Objectives: To examine the impact of leadership on the development of military strategy and tactics during the proposed time period. Also to be included is the influence of the technological advances that occur during the era. In doing so it is hoped that the student will gain an appreciation for the complexities of warfare, and perhaps as a corollary an insight into the requirements of leadership in general.

Grading Criterior: Each student will be assigned a battle to analyze in a term paper, to include, a diagram, written description, and the logistical concerns that influenced decisions and operations. There will also be two examinations, consisting of multiple choice, and essay questions.

Texts & Reading Assignments:

Text: Robert L. O'Connell, Of Arms and Men.

In addition it is planned to provide handouts for each class subject. For example, a chapter in a biography of the Duke of Marlborough that analyzed the battle of Blenheim.

Reading Assignments: Reading assignments are included in the attached lecture schedule.

LECTURE SCHEDULE - READING ASSIGNMENTS

<u>Date</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Reading Assignment</u>
Jul 12	Introduction	
CLASSIC WARFARE		
Jul 19	The Greeks Alexander - Gaugemela	O'Connell Ch. 3&4 Handout
26	Rome Caesar-Llerda Vercingetorix	O'Connell Ch. 5&6 Handout
FEUDAL WARFARE		
	Otto the Great-Lechfeld William the Conqueror-Hastings	
EARLY MODERN WARFARE		
Aug 4	Gustavus Adolphus- Breitenfeld Wallenstein-Leipzig	O'Connell Chap. 7&8 Handout
18th CENTURY WARFARE		
Aug 9	Marlborough-Blenheim Frederick the Great Rossbach/Leuthen	O'Connell Chap. 9&10 to page 171 Handout
NAPOLEONIC WARFARE		
Aug 16	Napoleon Austerlitz/Jena Auerstadt Wellington-Salmanca	O'Connell Chap. 10 (cont) Handout
INDUSTRIALIZED WAR		
Aug 23	Von Moltke-Sedan Meade-Gettysburg	O'Connell Chap. 11 Handout
WORLD WAR I		
Aug 30	The Somme	O'Connell Chap. 14 to 246. 251-256. 261-269. Handout
WORLD WAR II		
	Germand Drive to the Sea	
Sep 13	Kursk	Handout

Patton

Sep 15

Final Evaluation.