NOTE: The DATES listed below are not the correct dates for specific weeks.

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History 115 - Medieval Europe 410-1500

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Required Texts

Note the list of optional readings on reserve on p. 5 and bibliographies following each chapter in the text.

I. THE DECLINE OF THE ANCIENT WORLD AND THE BEGINNING OF THE MIDDLE AGES

Jan. 22 Introduction

Jan. 24 A. The Later Roman Empire

The transformation of political authority in the state
Economic and social changes
Reforms of Diocletian and Constantine
Contribution of Rome to Western Civilization

Text 1-3; Sources 1-4

Jan. 29 B. Christianity and the Early Church

Origins of Christian thought
The Church Fathers
Church organization; the Papacy

Text 4-6; Sources 5-8, 13, 16-18

Jan. 31 C. The Barbarian Invasions

Early tribal organization and migrations
The Barbarians and Rome
The invasions from the Fourth to the end of the Sixth Century

Text 7, 8; Sources 9-11

Feb. 5 D. The Foundation of Germanic "Successor States" in the West

Christianity and the Barbarians
Barbarian law, government and society

Text 9; Sources 14, 15
II. THE FRONTIERS OF LATIN CHRISTENDOM

Feb. 7  A. Byzantium

The survival of the Empire in the East
Justinian
Development of Byzantine institutions

Text 10; Sources 12, 22

Feb. 12  B. Islam and the West

Mohammed
Growth of Islamic Civilization
Expansion of Islam in the Mediterranean - Impact on Europe
The Pirenne Thesis

Text 14; Sources 23

III. THE FOUNDATIONS OF MEDIEVAL EUROPE

Feb. 14-19  A. The emergence of the Carolingian Empire

Merovingians and Carolingians
Relations with Rome
Revival of the Empire in the West
The cultural "Renaissance" of the Ninth Century

Text 11-13, 15-17; Sources 19-21, 24-28, 30

Feb. 21-26  B. Elements of Dissolution

Internal factors
The threat from without - Northman, Slavs and Saracens
The Ottonian Empire

Text 18, 27, 28

Feb. 28 - WEDS. SIX-WEEK EXAMINATION

IV. THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL INSTITUTIONS OF MEDIEVAL EUROPE

Mar. 5  A. Agrarian organization

Village and manor
Reclamation and colonization
Evolution of the manorial system in the West

Text 22-24, 38; Sources 29, 72-75
V. THE EXPANSION OF EUROPE

Mar. 7 B. Social organization - Feudalism

Origins of Feudalism
The Benefice and the Fief
Feudal society and government

Text 19-21, 25, 26, 39; Sources 31-34

Mar. 12 A. The Crusades

Spain and Sicily
Crusader Kingdoms
Influence and consequences of the Crusades

Text 32-34; Sources 39-41

Mar. 14-26 B. The revival of commerce and the growth of towns

Trade routes, organization of trade (fairs, markets, transport)
Growth of a professional merchant class
Patterns of town growth
Development of municipal institutions
Urban industry and guild structure
Social classes

Text 35-37; Sources 45-48

VI. CHURCH AND STATE IN THE MIDDLE AGES

Mar. 28 A. The growth of Papal power

Cluniac Reform Movement
Investiture struggle

Text 29-31; Sources 35-38

Apr. 2-4 B. The Church at its height

Canon and Roman law
Innocent III
Popular heresies and religious movements
The Friars

Text 45-48; Sources 56-63
VII. THE HIGH MIDDLE AGES: THOUGHT AND CULTURE

Apr. 9-11  A. Religion and learning
   The Twelfth Century Renaissance
   The Translation Movement
   The organization of the medieval universities
   Science and philosophy
   Art and architecture
   Literature (Latin and vernacular)

   Text 40-42, 54-61; Sources 42-44, 49-53, 76-78

Apr. 16 - WEDS. SECOND MID-TERM EXAMINATION

VIII. THE GROWTH OF ROYAL GOVERNMENT

Apr. 18-23  A. The development of representative institutions in England
   Normans and Plantagenets
   Institutions of monarchy
   The aristocratic reaction: The Great Charter and the Barons' War

   Text 43, 52, 53; Sources 55, 68-71

Apr. 25  B. The growth of the French monarchy

   Territorial unification
   Increase of royal power

   Text 44, 51; Sources 54, 64

IX. THE LATE MIDDLE AGES

Apr. 30- May 2  A. The decline of the medieval church
   Frederick II and the Papacy
   Boniface VIII
   The Avignon Papacy
   The Great Schism
   The Conciliar Movement
   Medieval political thought

   Text 49, 50, 62-65, 71, 79-81; Sources 65-67, 79-81, 89, 90

May 7  B. Late medieval warfare: the Hundred Years War and its aftermath

   Text 66-68, 76-78; Sources 82-85
May 9

C. The growth of national monarchy

England and France
Germany and Italy: City state and principality

Text 69, 70, 72, 82-84; Sources 86-88

May 14-16

D. Social and economic conditions

The Black Death and economic decline
Religious mysticism and anarchy
Intellectual and cultural changes

Text 73-75, 85; Sources 92-94

May 22 - TUES.

FINAL EXAMINATION — 12:25 p.m.

RESERVE BOOK LIST - OPTIONAL READING

Title                                                                 Syllabus
Peter L. Brown, The World of Late Antiquity                       Syllabus
    Pt. 1, Pt. II, Sect. I. Late Roman Society         I-A
    Pt. II, Sect. II. Christianity                        I-B
    Pt. II, Sect. II. Byzantine Civilization             II-A
    Pt. II, Sect. III. Islam                             II-B

J.M. Wallace-Hadrill, The Barbarian West                        I-C
    Introd. and Chaps. I-III                            III-A,B
    Chaps. IV-VI                                       

J.M. Hussey, The Byzantine World                                 II-A
    Chaps. IV-VI                                       

Francesco Gabrieli, Mohammed and the Conquests of Islam           II-B

Heinrich Fichtenau, The Carolingian Empire                        III-A,B

F.L. Ganshof, Feudalism                                          IV-B

Fritz Rorig, The Medieval Town                                    V-B

Norman Cohn, The Pursuit of the Millenium,                      V-B, VI-B, C, IX
    Chaps. 1-10                                        

John W. Baldwin, The Scholastic Culture of the Middle Ages        VII