HISTORY 119  THE MAKING OF MODERN EUROPE, 1500-1815

RECORD CARD:

Department of History
Fall 1985-86

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Office Hours:
Wed. 2-4


Goethe, The Sufferings of Young Werther
Machiavelli, The Prince
Montesquieu, The Persian Letters

There is also a xeroxed READER of documents available at Kinko's at 620 University Avenue. The reader and the books are all required.

This course will introduce you to the major social, intellectual, political, and religious developments in Europe from the Renaissance to the fall of Napoleon. We will focus on the lives of everyday people as well as on the most important events and cultural trends in European history.

There will be three lectures and one discussion section per week. You will be expected to attend both lecture and section and to participate in discussion section. You should complete weekly readings prior to the weekly section. There will be one two-hour final exam and two one-hour exams. If you wish to take this course for four credits, you will also be required to write a term paper on a topic chosen by you in consultation with the teaching assistant or with me. Final grades will be based on the final exam, the hour-exams, and section participation (and the paper in the case of four-credit students.)

If possible, I will also show two films during the course of the semester (The Return of Martin Guerre and Danton.)

Week 1 (September 3-6):  INTRODUCTION
Course Introduction
From Medieval to Modern Europe
Reading: TEXT Chapter 11.

Week 2 (September 9-13):  THE RENAISSANCE
Renaissance Humanism
Renaissance Art
The Prince and Renaissance Politics
Reading: TEXT Chapter 12; Machiavelli, The Prince; READER 1-4
(Petrarch, Pico, Erasmus)
Week 3 (September 16-20): THE PROTESTANT REFORMATION
Popular Religion and Christian Humanism
Luther
Protestant Reformation
Reading: TEXT Chapter 14; READER 5-15 (Luther)

Week 4 (September 23-27): REFORMATION AND RESPONSE
The English Reformation
Wars of Religion
Catholic Reformation
Reading: READER 16-34 (Calvin, English and Radical Reformations, Catholic Response)

Week 5 (September 30-October 4): EXPANSION OF EUROPE
The Growth of the State
Overseas Expansion
Impact of the Expansion on Europe
Reading: TEXT Chapter 13; READER 35-46 (Montaigne)

Week 6 (October 7-11): EVERYDAY LIFE IN EARLY MODERN EUROPE
Witchcraft and Magic
Living and Dying in Early Modern Europe
HOUR EXAM: Friday, October 11

Week 7 (October 14-18): REVOLTS, WARS, AND POLITICS IN THE SEVENTEENTH CENTURY
English Revolution
Wars, Peasants, and Power (The Seventeenth-Century Crisis)
Revolts of Peasants and Nobles
Reading: TEXT Chapter 15, READER 47-57 (English Revolution)

Week 8 (October 21-25): REVOLUTION IN SCIENCE AND POLITICAL THEORY
Scientific Revolution
Political Thought
The Golden Age in the Seventeenth Century--Art and Politics
Reading: TEXT Chapter 16, READER 58-71 (Scientific Revolution, Hobbes, Locke)

Week 9 (October 28-November 1): THE AGE OF ABSOLUTISM
Absolutism in Theory and Practice
Louis XIV: Court and Society
The Anti-Absolutists: England and the Netherlands
Reading: TEXT Chapters 17, READER 72-77 (Bossuet)

Week 10 (November 4-8): THE RISE OF PRUSSIA, RUSSIA, AND AUSTRIA
The Rise of Prussia and Russia
HOUR EXAM: Friday, November 8.
Reading: TEXT Chapter 18
Week 11 (November 11-15): THE ENLIGHTENMENT
Origins of the Enlightenment
The Science of Social Criticism
Popular Culture in the Eighteenth Century
Reading: TEXT Chapter 19; READER 78 (from the Encyclopedia);
Montesquieu, The Persian Letters (letters to be announced).

Week 12 (November 18-22): EIGHTEENTH CENTURY
Romantic Reaction to the Enlightenment
Enlightened Despotism—Prussia and Austria
Economic and Diplomatic Rivalries of the Eighteenth Century
Reading: Goethe, The Sorrows of Young Werther

Week 13 (November 25-27): THE EVE OF THE FRENCH REVOLUTION
French Society and Politics in the Eighteenth Century
Coming of French Revolution
Reading: TEXT Chapter 20; READER 79-83 (Eve of Revolution)

Week 14 (December 2-6): THE FRENCH REVOLUTION
Early Revolution
The Radical Revolution
Culture of the French Revolution
Reading: TEXT Chapter 21; READER 84-95 (French Revolution)

Week 15 (December 9-13): NAPOLEONIC EUROPE
Napoleon’s Rise to Power
Industrial Revolution
The Century Ahead