

History 119

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THE MAKING OF MODERN EUROPE, 1500-1815

This course surveys the cultural, intellectual, social, political, and economic changes in Europe between 1492 and 1815. Central themes are changes in the understanding of the human person—both body and mind—and of the universe, in the organization of economy and politics. Students will explore the emergence of a global economy and its repercussions for different social groups in Europe, the Americas, and Asia, of the modern phenomenon “public opinion” and its role in politics, and of the modern sense of self.

REQUIREMENTS:

- attendance at lecture
- participation in weekly discussion section
 - completion of weekly reading assignment in advance of discussion
- two three-page essays, topics to be assigned, due in lecture
 - Thursday, September 18
 - Thursday, November 20
- in-class midterm exam, Thursday, October 23
- final exam, December 18, 2:45 p.m.

BOOKS: the following are available at the University Bookstore:

Berkin, Carol, & Anderson, Betty, *The History Handbook* (Houghton Mifflin)
Machiavelli, *The Prince* (Norton) [JC143 M38 1992]
Las Casas, *A Short Account of the Destruction of the Indies* (Penguin) [F1411 C31513 1992]
John Calvin: *Selections*, edited John Dillenberger [BX9420 A32 D54 1975]
Teresa of Avila, *The Life of Teresa of Jesus* (Image) [BX4700 T4 A2 1991]
Galileo, *Discoveries and Opinions* (Anchor) [QB36 G2 G313]
Corneille, *Le Cid* (Harlan Davidson) [PQ1749 E5 L3 1986]
Hobbes, *Leviathan* (Penguin) [JC153 H65 1985]
Descartes, *Discourse on Method* (Penguin)
Locke, *Two Treatises*, (Cambridge) []
Montesquieu, *The Persian Letters* (Penguin) [[PQ2011 L5 E35 1993]
Diderot, *Rameau's Nephew* [PQ1979 A66 E5 1988]

TEXTBOOK:

The West in the World has been ordered from UBS. All students, whether they wish to purchase the textbook or not, are required to purchase the CD, "Envisioning the Atlantic World."

A number of textbooks are also available in the College Library. Students will find, in comparing them, that they tell different stories, emphasizing different ways of putting the fragments of the past together. Students are encouraged to consult whichever textbook best suits their particular needs:

MOST DETAILED NARRATIVES:

Longman Series: A General History of Europe:

H.G. Koenigsberger, George L. Mosse, & G.Q. Bowler, *Europe in the Sixteenth Century*

D.H. Pennington, *Europe in the Seventeenth Century*

M.S. Anderson, *Europe in the Eighteenth Century*

St. Martin's Press Series:

Richard Mackenney, *Sixteenth Century Europe*

Thomas Munck, *Seventeenth Century Europe, 1598-1700*

Jeremy Black, *Eighteenth Century Europe, 1700-1789*

NARRATIVES OF MEDIUM DETAIL

Lynn Hunt, et al, *The making of the West: peoples and cultures*

John Merriman, *A History of Modern Europe: from the Renaissance to the Present*

BASIC NARRATIVE:

H.G. Koenigsberger, *Early Modern Europe*

WOMEN'S HISTORY:

Becoming Visible: Women in European History, edited Renate Bridenthal, et al

LECTURES AND READINGS :

INTRODUCTION

- September 2 The Craft of History
September 4 "Modern"

THE HUMAN LANDSCAPE OF LATE MEDIEVAL EUROPE

- September 9 Villages and Forests
September 11 Courts and Towns

Reading: Machiavelli, *The Prince*, entire

SIXTEENTH-CENTURY EUROPE

- September 16 Merchants and Navigators
September 18 Conquistadores and Artisans

THREE-PAGE ESSAY DUE

Reading: Las Casas, *A Short Account*, pages 3-79

- September 23 From Feudal Christianity to Bourgeois Christianity
September 25 Collars and Sleeves: Consumption and Piety

Reading: Calvin, Selections: "Draft Ecclesiastical Ordinances – 1541"
Institutes 1559, 1560: Book I, Chapter V (pp. 333-49)
Book III, Chapter II, (pp. 372-82)

- September 30 The Baroque
October 2 "Catholicism"

Reading: Teresa, *The Life of Teresa of Jesus*, Table of Contents, Preface,
Chapters 1-4, 8-11, 17-18, 20, 25, 27-29

SEVENTEENTH-CENTURY EUROPE

- October 7 Nature and Revelation
October 9 Mapping the Heavens and the Earth

Reading: Galileo, "The Starry Messenger" & "Letter to the Grand Duchess Christina"

- October 14 Monarchs
October 16 From Courts to Capitals

Reading: Corneille, *Le Cid*

- October 21 Revolutions
October 23 Midterm

- October 28 Passion, Reason, and the State
October 30 "Commonwealth"

Reading: Hobbes, *Leviathan*, "The Contents of the Chapters," and
Chapters 1-5, 10-11, 13-15, 17-18, 21, 24

November 4 "Mind" & "Body"
November 6 The Instrument of Reason

Reading: Descartes, *Discourse on Method*

EIGHTEENTH-CENTURY EUROPE

November 11 Law & Violence
November 13 Property & Liberty

Reading: Locke, *Second Treatise on Government*, Chapters I-X, XV, XVIII

November 18 Orientalism
November 20 Absolutism

THREE-PAGE ESSAY DUE

Reading: Montesquieu, *Persian Letters*

November 25 The Project of Enlightenment

Reading: Diderot, *Rameau's Nephew*

December 2 Mercantilism
December 4 Capitalism and the Organization of Labor

Reading: Adam Smith, selections
Thomas Malthus, selections
revolutionary documents

1789-1815: GLIMPSES OF "THE MODERN"

December 9 Public Opinion & Revolution
December 11 The Modern Self

December 18, 2:45: Final