

University of Wisconsin
Semester II, 2008-2009

HISTORY 119: THE MAKING OF MODERN EUROPE, 1500-1815

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Office Hours: Mon. 4-5
Wed. 11-12

READING:

TEXTBOOK: Lynn Hunt et al, The Making of the West, 1320-1830, vol. B, 2nd edition

Machiavelli, The Prince

Natalie Zemon Davis, The Return of Martin Guerre

Annamarie Beckel, Dancing in the Palm of his Hand

Voltaire, Candide

COURSE PACKET

The books are all required and are available in paperback at the University Book Store. The books are all on reserve at Helen C. White Library. There is also a small reader of required documents and articles available at the Copy Center in the basement of the Humanities Building. These readings are marked "R>."

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 two 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 the weekly reading assignments before section each week. There will be one two-hour final exam and two in-class exams. All students will also write a 6-8 page research paper on a topic involving outside reading. Final grades will be based as follows: 15% section participation; 20% each of two in-class exams; 20% paper; 25% final exam.

Week 1 (Jan. 21): INTRODUCTION & THE ITALIAN RENAISSANCE

Reading: TEXT, Chapter 14: 505-31

R> Selections on Renaissance, K.L. Lualdi, Sources of Making of the West, I: To 1740, 207-16

*Machiavelli, The Prince, Letter & Chapters 3, 5-11

Week 2 (Jan. 26-28): THE RENAISSANCE

Reading: *Machiavelli, The Prince, Chapters 12-18, 20-21, 25-26

R> Machiavelli, selection from The Discourses, 263-67

TEXT, Chapter 15

Week 3 (Feb. 2-4): THE PROTESTANT REFORMATION

Reading: R> Martin Luther, The Freedom of a Christian & Of Marriage & Celibacy in Mark Kishlansky, ed., Sources of the West (N.Y., 2001), I: 258-263

R> Twelve Articles of the Peasantry from Hans Hillerbrand, ed., The Reformation, 388-393 & M Luther's Condemnation of Peasant Revolt

R> John Calvin, Institutes of the Christian Religion, in Joel F. Harrington, ed., A Cloud of Witnesses, 249-54 & in Lewis Spitz, ed., The Protestant Reformation 133-139

Week 4 (Feb. 9-11): PROTESTANT AND CATHOLIC REFORMATIONS, JUDAISM

Reading: R> Teresa of Avila & Ignatius Loyola, in Joel F. Harrington, ed., A Cloud of Witnesses, 254-57, 273-77
R> Keith Thomas, Religion and the Decline of Magic, 51-77
R> Memoirs of Glückel of Hameln, 41-50

Week 5 (Feb. 16-18): PEASANTS, KINGS, AND QUEENS

Reading: ** Natalie Zemon Davis, The Return of Martin Guerre, 1-93, 123-25
R> Documents on Images of Women and Men, Compiled by Natalie Davis.

Week 6 (Feb. 23-25): EXAM & OVERSEAS EXPANSION

Reading: TEXT, End of Chapter 14: 531-43
R> Two Accounts of the Spanish Encounter with the Aztecs, The West in Global Context, 6-17
R> Sepulveda and Las Casas in The West and the Wider World, 363-69
R> Las Casas, from Apologetic History of the Indies in Sources of the West, 249-52

**** EXAM on Monday, Feb. 23**

No sections this week

Week 7 (Mar. 2-4): OVERSEAS EXPANSION II & WITCHCRAFT

Reading: TEXT, Chapter 16: 615-618
* Annamarie Beckel, Dancing in the Palm of His Hand, 7-36, 80-106, 122-74, 192-216, 228-43, 272-312 (I will email you a hand-out that summarizes the parts of the novel that you do not need to read.)

Week 8 (Mar. 9-11): SCIENTIFIC REVOLUTION

Reading: TEXT, Chapter 16: 606-615
R> Excerpts from Copernicus and Bellarmine, in Sources of the Western Tradition
R> Galileo, from Letter to the Grand Duchess Christina and The Starry Messenger

SPRING BREAK = March 14-22

Week 9 (Mar. 23-25): SEVENTEENTH-CENTURY CRISIS: WAR & REVOLUTION

Reading: TEXT, Chapter 16: 589-97, and Chapter 17: 636-44
R> M. Roberts, "The Military Revolution" & "A Pastor's Account of the Thirty Years War"
R> The True Levellers' Standard Advanced, from S. Prall, ed. The Puritan Revolution
R> Thomas Hobbes, Leviathan, in Perspectives from the Past, ed James Brophy et al., 33-38

Week 10 (March 30-Apr. 1): CONSTITUTIONAL VS. ABSOLUTIST MONARCHY

Reading: TEXT, Chapter 17: 622-36, 645-51; and Chapter 18: 683-90
R> Bossuet, from Politics drawn from the Very Words of Scripture; Duc de Saint Simon, "Memoirs"
R> Exchange of Letters between Peter I and his Son Alexei, in Imperial Russia, 23-33
R> John Locke, from Treatise on Civil Government, Perspectives from the Past, 80-90

Week 11 (April 6-8) EXAM, COLONIZATION, AND SLAVERY

Reading: TEXT, Chapter 18: 665-76
R> Laurent Dubois, Avengers of the New World, 18-21, 36-59
R> Anti-slavery documents Hunt, ed., The French Revolution and Human Rights, 51-58

**** EXAM on Monday, April 6**

Week 12 (April 13-15): THE ENLIGHTENMENT

Reading: TEXT, Chapter 18: 695-702; and Chap. 19

R> Voltaire, in Lynn Hunt, ed., The French Revolution and Human Rights, 38-40

R> Diderot, from The Encyclopedia

R> Rousseau, Emile & Mary Wollstonecraft, from Vindication of the Rights of Women,

Week 13 (April 20-22): THE INDUSTRIAL REVOLUTION, ENGLISH POLITICS & SOCIETY

Reading: * Voltaire, Candide

R> Documents on Industrial Revolution, Perry, ed., Sources of Western Tradition, 111-123

R> Adam Smith, The Wealth of Nations, from Aspects of Western Civilization, II: 28-31

****PAPERS DUE , Monday, April 27**

Week 14 (Apr. 27-29): REVOLUTION IN FRANCE

Reading: TEXT, Chapter 20

R> Documents from the French Revolution: Sieyès, "What is the Third Estate?"; The Declaration of the Rights of Man and Citizen; "When Shall We Have Bread?" Olympe de Gouges, "The Declaration of the Rights of Woman"

Week 15 (May 4-6): FRENCH & HAITIAN REVOLUTIONS; NAPOLEON

Reading: TEXT, Chapter 21: 787-808

R> "Revolutionary Calendar" in The Old Regime and the French Revolution

R> "Popular Movements beyond the Convention" & Robespierre, "Report on the Principles of Political Morality" in L. Mason & T. Rizzo, ed. The French Revolution

R> Documents on the Haitian Revolution, begins with "Society for the Friends of Blacks"

R> "Was Napoleon a Child of Revolution?," ed. J.K. Sowards, Makers of Western Tradition

FINAL EXAM on Wednesday, May 13, 10:05 am