

**University of Wisconsin-Madison
Department of History
Semester I, 2010-11**

H 200

Medieval Warfare

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Required Textbooks:

Winthrop Lindsay Adams, *Alexander The Great* (Pearson Longman PB)

Kelly DeVries, *Medieval Military Technology* (Toronto PB)

Michael Prestwich, *Armies and Warfare in the Middle Ages: The English Experience* (Yale PB)

Helen Nicholson and David Nicolle, *God's Warriors: Knights Templar, Saracens and the Battle for Jerusalem* (Osprey PB)

A useful reference work: *The Oxford Encyclopedia of Medieval Warfare and Military Technology* ed, Clifford J. Rogers

Assignments include Decisive Battles Series and Battles BC on YouTube (DB and BC).

Course Requirements:

Three credits. Three essay examinations: two midterms and final, non-cumulative.

N.B. Regular attendance is expected. Excessive absence may have a negative impact on your final grade.

LECTURE SCHEDULE

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| 9/2 | Introduction: Military Technology in the Ancient World
DeVries, pp. 3-6, 44-47; Prestwich, ch. 1, ch. 2, pp. 30-37 |
| 9/7 | Ancient Warfare: Battle of Qadesh (1294 B.C.); Siege of Troy
DB: Ramses II |
| 9/9-14 | The Greek Phalanx; Battle of Marathon
Sparta, A Warrior Society; Thermopylae
DeVries, pp. 7-20, 25-33, 50-52, 125-132; DB: Marathon, Thermopylae; BC: Judgement Day at Marathon |
| 9/16-21 | Alexander of Macedon
Adams, chs, 1-5; DB: Gaugamela |
| 9/23-28 | The Roman Legions; The Punic Wars; Battle of Cynocephalo
DeVries pp. 52-55, 125-132, 174-187; DB: Cannae; Birth of the Roman Empire |
| 9/30-10/5 | Celtic Warriors: Vercingetorix; Boudica
DeVries, pp. 56-58; DB: Hail Caesar |
| 10/7 | SIX-WEEKS EXAMINATION |

- 10/12-14 Roman Limes and Germanic Tribes; Huns; Gothic Invasion: Battle of Adrianople
DeVries, pp. 140-141; 288-89; DB: Herman the German; The Gothic Invasion of Rome;
Attila the Hun
- 10/19 The Byzantine Army; Naval Warfare
No assignment
- 10/21 The Rise of Feudalism: The Carolingian Army
De Vries, pp. 20-25, 33-39, 56-62, 95-110, 133-140; Prestwich, ch. 2, pp. 1-30
- 10/26-28 Viking and Norman Conquests
Castles and Sieges
DeVries, pp. 39-44, 63-79, 202-225, 187-201, 289-294; Prestwich, ch. 12, pp. 206-304.
- 11/2 The Iberian Frontier: El Cid and the Reconquista
Ebook (48pp): El Cid and the Reconquista by David Nicolle (optional)
- 11/4 TWELVE WEEKS EXAMINATION**
- 11/9-11 The First Crusade
(Prestwich, ch. 9)
Internet Medieval Sourcebook: The Crusades www.fordham.edu
- 11/16-18 The Later Crusades
The Knights Templar
De Vries. pp. 225-235, 294-297
Nicholson and Nicolle, pp. 6-82, 140-195
- 11/23 The Conquests of Genghis Khan
The Battle of Leignitz
No assignment
- 11/25-30 Late Medieval Armies in Wales
Braveheart's Scotland
DeVries, pp. 79-94; 244-249; Prestwich, chs. 3-9, 11
- 11/26-29 THANKSGIVING RECESS**
- 12/2-7 Hundred Years War
The Age of Gunpowder
DeVries, pp. 143-163; Prestwich, chs. 10, 13
- 12/9 The Ottoman Advance; The Siege of Constantinople
DeVries, pp. 305-308

12/14 The Armada
Renaissance Warfare: A Military Revolution?
Prestwich, ch. 14

12/17 FRIDAY 2:45 P.M.- 4:45 P.M. FINAL EXAMINATION