

THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN
Department of History
Semester I, 1970-71

HISTORY 350

17th Century France

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Reading for course:

Orest Ranum, Paris in the Age of Absolutism
Carl Burckhardt, Richelieu: His Rise to Power
Theodore K. Rabb (ed.), The Thirty Years War
Pascal, Pensées
Descartes, Discourse on Method and Other Works
La Rochefoucauld, Maxims
Molière, The Misanthrope and other Works (Penguin)
W.H. Lewis, The Splendid Century
Paul Hazard, The European Mind, 1680-1715
John B. Wolf, Louis XIV

Recommended Reading:

John H. Elliott, Europe Divided, 1559-1598
Garrett Mattingly, The Armada
J.E. Neale, The Age of Catherine de Medici
John Lough, Introduction to 17th Century France
G.N. Clark, The Seventeenth Century
Carl J. Friedrich, The Age of the Baroque, 1610-1660
Roland Mousnier, L'Assassinat d'Henri IV
Robert Mandrou, Introduction à la France Moderne: Essai de psychologie historique
" " , La France au XVIIe et XVIIIe Siècles
Jacob Burckhardt, On History and Historians
Albert Guerard, The Life and Death of an Ideal: France in the Classical Age
Philippe Sagnac, La formation de la société française moderne, 2 Vol.
Henri Brémond, Histoire littéraire du sentiment religieux en France...., 11 Vol.
Philippe Aries, Centuries of Childhood
Georges Snyders, La pédagogie en France aux XVIIe et XVIIIe Siècles
V.-L. Tapié, La France de Louis XIII et de Richelieu
Richelieu, Political Testament
Friedrich Meinecke, Machiavellism
Heinz Lubass (ed.), The Development of the Modern State (Macmillan Series: "Main Themes in European History")
C.V. Wedgwood, Richelieu and the French Monarchy
Orest Ranum, Richelieu and the Councillors of Louis XIII
W. Stankiewicz, Politics and Religion in 17th Century France.
Aldous Huxley, Grey Eminence
" " , The Devils of Loudun
Robert Mandrou, Magistrats et Sorciers en France au XVIIe Siècle
E. Esmonin, Etudes sur la France des XVIIe et XVIIIe Siècles
Gaston Zeller, Aspects de la politique française sous l'Ancien Régime
C.V. Wedgwood, The Thirty Years War
Boris Porchnev, Les Soulèvements populaires en France de 1623 à 1648 (Paris, 1963)
Roland Mousnier, Fureurs paysannes

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- Trevor Aston (ed.), Crisis in Europe, 1560-1660
Ernst Kossmann, La Fronde
Paul R. Doolin, The Fronde
Cardinal de Retz, Mémoires
Louis Cagnet, Pascal
Saint-Beuve, sections on Pascal in his study of Port-Royal
Lucien Goldmann, The Hidden God
Willis Doney (ed.), Descartes: A Collection of Critical Essays (Doubleday)
Richard H. Popkin, The History of Scepticism
J.S. Spink, French Free-Thought from Gassendi to Voltaire
Ronald Knox, Enthusiasm
Anthony Blunt, French Art and Architecture, 1500-1700
V.-L. Tapié, The Age of Grandeur
Louis XIV, Mémoires
Pierre Goubert, Louis XIV and Twenty Million Frenchmen
The New Cambridge Modern History: Vol. V. The ascendancy of France
William F. Church (ed.), The Greatness of Louis XIV: Myth or Reality? (Heath Series paperback: "Problems in European Civilization")
G.P. Gooch, Louis XV (First chapter an excellent summary of reign of Louis XIV)
Voltaire, The Age of Louis XIV
Frederick Nussbaum, The Triumph of Science and Reason, 1660-1685
John B. Wolf, The Emergence of the Great Powers, 1685-1715
Louis André, Louis XIV et l'Europe
Lionel Rothkrug, Opposition to Louis XIV
James E. King, Science and Rationalism in the Government of Louis XIV
C.W. Cole, Colbert and a Century of French Mercantilism
Eli Heckscher, Mercantilism
Walter E. Minchinton (ed.), Mercantilism: System or Expediency? (Heath Series)
John C. Rule (ed.), The Early Modern Era, 1648-1770 (Heath Series: "Critical Issues in History")—see section on Mercantilism.
S.B. Clough and C.W. Cole, Economic History of Europe
Michel Foucault, Madness and Civilization
George N. Clark, War and Society in the 17th Century
E.M. Earle (ed.), The Makers of Modern Strategy (essay on Vauban by H. Guerlac)
Herbert Rowen, The Ambassador Prepares for War
Paul Bamford, Forests and French Sea Power
Pierre Goubert, Cent Mille Provinciaux au XVIIe Siècle
Franklin L. Ford, Strasbourg in Transition
G.N. Clark, The Dutch Alliance and the War against French Trade
Warren Scoville, The Persecution of Huguenots and French Economic Development, 1680-1720
Pierre Bayle, Historical and Critical Dictionary, Selections (ed. by R.H. Popkin)
Charles Wilson, The Dutch Republic
George M. Trevelyan, England under Queen Anne, 3 Vol.
Waverly Root, The Food of France

The music of the period may be heard on records available in the Music Department. The art, sculpture and architecture of 17th Century France may be examined in the many illustrated volumes on the subject in the Elvehjem Art Center.

The seventeenth century was an extraordinarily fertile period in the drama, the essay, prose fiction, verse, memoirs, and personal correspondence. The few works by noted authors which we'll be discussing this semester is but a fragment of the wealth of material. The principal works of Corneille, Racine, La Fontaine, Madame de La Fayette, La Bruyère, the memoirs of the Cardinal de Retz and the Duc de St. Simon and the ~~many~~ letters of Mme. de Sévigné are among the inevitable works which must

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be read for an understanding of the period. The most notable scholarly assessment of the literature of the century is that of Antoine Adam, Histoire de la littérature française au XVIIe Siècle, 5 Vol. For a brief, cogent introduction in English, see Will G. Moore, French Classical Literature.

Most of the above recommended reading is available in the Reserve Room or in the Graduate Reading Room. For important and often essential works in the major foreign languages, consult the bibliographies in Henri Hauser, La Prépondérance Espagnole, 1559-1660 (3rd ed., 1948); the two works in the "Clio Series": Le XVIIe Siècle by Henri Sée, Armand Rebillon and Edmond Préclin (1950 edition) and Le XVIIe Siècle, by E. Préclin and V.-L. Tapié (1949 edition). In addition, Roland Mousnier, Les XVIIe et XVIIIe Siècles, 1961 edition; R. Mandrou, La France au XVIIe et XVIIIe Siècles.

Graduate students will want to familiarize themselves with some of the more recent journal literature in the field. Pertinent articles and book reviews regularly appear in the American Historical Review, The Journal of Modern History, French Historical Studies, The Journal of the History of Ideas, History, and Past and Present. French journals of history include Les Annales: Sociétés, Économies, Civilisations; Revue Historique, Revue d'Histoire diplomatique, and Revue d'Histoire moderne et contemporaine.

For a survey of the recent literature and trends in historiography, see the article by John B. Wolf, "The Reign of Louis XIV: A Selected Bibliography of Writings since the War of 1914-1918," Journal of Modern History (June, 1964), pp. 127-144.

There will be two examinations: A Six-Week (take-home) and a Final.

In addition, this being a four-credit course, there will be one (1) book review. This will be discussed on the first day.

A separate sheet listing proposed topics for lecture and discussion will be distributed.

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Annales d'Histoire économique et sociale (Jan.'29-Nov.'38)—AP/A605/D101
Annales d'Histoire sociale (Jan.'39-Dec.'41)—AP/A605/D105
Annales: Economies, Sociétés, Civilisations (Jan.-Mar. '46 to date)—AP/A605.