

THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN
Department of History

Syllabus and Assignments
History 350

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Note: all starred items are--I hope--on reserve in the Helen White Library.

- I. 2/1 Introduction. The French Renaissance Monarchy.
2/3 The Regions of France. Economy, demography, prices in the 16th and early 17th centuries.
Readings: *Pierre Goubert, "Recent Theories and Research in French Population between 1500 and 1700," in D.V. Glas, ed., Population in History, 457-472.
*Elizabeth S. Teall, "The Seigneur of Renaissance France: Advocate or Oppressor?" Journal of Modern History, 37 (1965), 131-150.
*J. Russell Major, "The Crown and the Aristocracy in Renaissance France," American Historical Review, 69 (1964), 631-645.
Articles by Marc Bloch and Robert Mandrou in Isser Woloch, The Peasantry in the Old Regime, pp. 13-30
- II. 2/8 Noblesse de robe and bourgeois in the 16th century.
2/10 The Wars of Religion
Readings: *J.H.M. Salmon, The French Wars of Religion, pp. 76-100. Orest Ranum, Paris in the Age of Absolutism, pp. 3-47.
- III. 2/15 Henri IV. Domestic reconstruction
2/17 Henri IV. Foreign affairs. The Assassination
Readings: J.U. Nef, Industry and Government in England and France, sections on France.
Ranum, Paris, 51-105, 167-194.
*Gaston Zeller, "Industry in France before Colbert," in Rondo Cameron, Essays in French Economic History, pp. 128-139.
- IV. 2/22 The Regency and the Estates General of 1614
2/24 Young Man Richelieu
Readings: *Eric Hobsbawm, "The Crisis of the Seventeenth Century," in Trevor Aston, ed., Crisis in Europe, 1560-1660.
W. F. Church, The Impact of Absolutism in France, pp. 1-25.
- Graduate students should also look carefully at A.D. Lublinskaya, French Absolutism: The Crucial Phase (one copy in Graduate Reading Room, several on reserve in the Helen White).
- V. 2/29 The dévot alternative. MAP QUIZ
3/2 Louis XIII and Richelieu: the Thirty Years' War
Readings: Ranum, Paris, 109-131.
Church, Absolutism, Part II, #s 1, 2, 3, 4
*Emanuel Chail, "Religion and Mendicity in Seventeenth-century France," International Review of Social History, VII (1962), 400-425.

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- VI. 3/7 Louis XIII and Richelieu: domestic affairs
3/9 Art and public relations
Readings: Ranum, Paris, 132-166.
Corneille, Le Cid, in M. Bishop, tr., Seventeenth Century French Drama
*Orest Ranum, "Richelieu and the Great Nobility," French Historical Studies,
III (1963), 184-202.
- VII. 3/14 Descartes and Cartesianism
3/16 Jansenism, Phase I
Readings: Descartes, Discourse on Method and Meditations (selections)
Pascal, Provincial Letters (selections)
- VIII. 3/21 Peasant Revolts
3/23 The Regency, Mazarin, and the origins of the Fronde
Readings: Woloch, The Peasantry, pp. 31-73
Wolf, Louis XIV, ch. 1-10 (skim)
*J.H.M. Salmon, "Vandal Office and Popular Sedition in France," Past and Present,
37 (July, 1967), 21-43.
- IX. 3/28 The Fronde
3/30 Reconstruction. The young Louis XIV.
Readings: Church, Absolutism, Part II, #s 4, 6; Part III, #1.
Ranum, Paris, 197-251.
Wolf, Louis XIV, ch. 11-13.
*Julian Dent, "An Aspect of the Crisis of the Seventeenth Century," Economic
History Review, 20 (1967), 241-256.
- X. 4/11 Absolutism and bureaucracy
4/13 The politics of classical culture
Readings: Molière, Tartuffe, in Bishop, Drama
Wolf, Louis XIV, ch. 19-20, 23-24
Ranum, Paris, 282-296.
*Emanuel Chail, "Tartuffe, Religion, and Courtly Culture," French
Historical Studies, III (1963), 151-182.
- XI. 4/18 The French economy under Colbert
4/20 French society in the age of Louis XIV
Readings: Church, Absolutism, Part III, #s 4, 6, 11-14
Wolf, Louis XIV, ch. 25.
*R.B. Grassby, "Social Status and Commercial Enterprise under Louis XIV,"
Economic History Review, 13 (1960), 19-38.
*Nora Temple, "The Control and Exploitation of French Towns during the
Ancien Regime," History, 51 (1966), 16-34.

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- XII. 4/25 French Colonialism in the Seventeenth Century
4/27 French cities in the age of Louis XIV
Readings: Wolf, Louis XIV, ch. 14-18.
- XIII. 5/2 Wars: diplomacy
5/4 Wars: the army. From Colbert to Louvois
Readings: Wolf, ch. 26-28
- XIV. 5/11 Catholicism, Jansenism, and Protestantism in the age of Louis XIV
5/13 Intellectual crisis, 1685-1715
Readings: Racine, Phaedra, in Bishop, Drama.
Church, Absolutism, Part III, #s 2, 3, 5, 7
Wolf, Louis XIV, ch. 21-22.
- XV. 5/18 Economic crisis and the movement for reform
5/20 Last years of Louis XIV. France in 1715.
Readings: Church, Absolutism, Part III, #s 8, 9, 10, and conclusion
Wolf, Louis XIV, ch. 29-34.