

HISTORY OF AFRICA 1500 - 1870  
Spring - 1991

Tues/Thurs. 9:30 - 10:45  
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4 CREDITS or 3 CREDITS?

If you take the course for 4 credits you will write a 10-15 page term paper due April 23 - NO EXCEPTIONS. Any paper received after the due date will be significantly penalized in grade. The topic of the paper must be approved by the instructor. If you elect this option your topic must be set by February 14. On that day you will hand in a typed sheet with your paper topic listed.

This course deals with the main themes of African history between the years 1500 and 1870. Some of the major topics covered in the course are: an introduction to African peoples, social systems, and geography; the influence of Islam on various areas of the continent; trans-Saharan, Indian Ocean, and Atlantic trading systems; formation of Central African state systems; Swahili city-states; the West European impact on Africa prior to political partition; the Atlantic slave trade and its abolition; West African Islamic jihads; Dutch settler development in South Africa; mfecane; great trek.

Required texts

H. A. R. Gibb, Mohammedanism. [sic] Oxford University Press, 1962.

Robert O. Collins, Central and South African History. New York: Markus Wiener, 1990.

Robert O. Collins, Western African History. New York: Markus Wiener, 1990.

Afigbo, Ayandele, Gavi, Omer-Cooper, and Palmer. The Making of Modern Africa, Volume 1, The Nineteenth Century. New York: Longman, 1986.

Maryse Condé, Segu, New York: Ballantine Books, 1987.

Outline maps of Africa - available in supplies section of bookstore

Recommended: J. D. Fage. An Atlas of African History. Second Edition. New York: Africana Publishing Co., 1978.

Course requirements

Map quiz, February 7: 50 points

Mid-term Exam - Essay, identifications, and objective portion on Islam:

March 5: 200 points

Final Map Quiz, May 2: 75 points

Term Paper for 4-credit students: 200 points. Due April 23, NO EXCEPTIONS!

Final Exam, 250 points, 7:45 a.m., Saturday, May 18.

Attendance at two African Studies Center movies or lectures, or films on Africa shown on Public T.V., typing up a two-page description and discussion of each: 50 points each = 100 points. The first of these papers must be handed in by the class period of the mid-term exam, March 5. The second paper must be handed in by the class period of May 9.

Total points for 3-credit students: 675

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| To receive a grade of A you must receive | 628 | total points     |
| " A/B                                    | "   | 587 total points |
| " B                                      | "   | 554 total points |
| " B/C                                    | "   | 520 total points |
| " C                                      | "   | 473 total points |
| " D                                      | "   | 405 total points |

Below 405 points receives a grade of F

Total points for 4-credit students: 875

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| To receive a grade of A you must receive | 814 | total points     |
| " A/B                                    | "   | 761 total points |
| " B                                      | "   | 718 total points |
| " B/C                                    | "   | 674 total points |
| " C                                      | "   | 613 total points |
| " D                                      | "   | 525 total points |

Below 525 points receives a grade of F

Map work: You are to study the following list, locating the ethnic groups, place names, and geographical features. Use your text book maps as well as the Atlas recommended above. A copy is placed on reserve for this class. For the map quiz on February 7 I will select 25 terms. You will place the corresponding number for each of the terms on a blank map purchased at the bookstore. It is suggested that you purchase an extra map to use as a study sheet. For the final map quiz on May 2 I will choose terms from the following list and include other map terms taken from lectures. A study list will be distributed one week before the final map quiz.

Senegal River  
Niger River  
Volta River  
Gambia River  
Nile River  
Blue Nile

Tripoli  
Fezzan  
Abomey  
Cairo  
Begho  
Boure

Segu  
Kanem  
Monrovia  
Pemba  
Ilorin  
Sokoto

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|--------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|
| White Nile         | Mogadishu             | As(h)ante ethnic group |
| Lake Tana          | Gao                   | Jenne                  |
| Futa Jalon         | Timbuctu (Timbuktu)   | Grain Coast            |
| Futa Toro          | Taghaza               | Mossi ethnic group     |
| Lake Chad          | Wolof ethnic group    | Hausa ethnic group     |
| Lake Victoria      | Mombasa               | Sennar                 |
| Lake Tanganyika    | Zanzibar              | Zambezi River          |
| Cape of Good Hope  | Alexandria            | Orange River           |
| Red Sea            | Elmina                | Gold Coast             |
| Kilwa              | Drakensberg Mountains | Bahr al-Ghazal         |
| Darfur             | Gondar                | Tunis                  |
| Sena               | Tete                  | Buganda (bu-GANDA)     |
| Bunyoro (bu-NYORO) | Luba (ba-LUBA)        | Natal                  |
| Vaal River         | Fish River            | Orange River           |

#### Lecture assignments:

The African Studies Center at the University of Wisconsin offers weekly lectures Wednesdays at noon and occasional films on Africa. Numerous other lectures are also offered through the year as scholars pass through the area. Some African subject video tapes are available for viewing on site in the Learning Support Services Lab, Room 274 Van Hise Hall. The room is open M-Th, 8:30 a.m.-8:30 p.m. and F 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. There are also films shown on Africa on public t.v. from time to time. To encourage you to become acquainted with these offerings I am asking you to attend two during the semester, writing up a two-page report on each. All lecture discussions must be typed. Handwritten papers will not be accepted. As lectures and films come to my attention I will try to announce them in class, but keep your eyes open. I will not accept wildlife films on Africa to fulfill this assignment. With very few exceptions, feature films are not appropriate for this assignment. If you're unsure of the appropriateness of a lecture or film for this assignment, ask me before you write it up.

NOTE: You are not assured full credit on this assignment. Your papers must be neat, thoughtful, and grammatically correct. Your lecture sheet must be turned in no later than two weeks after the performance or lecture that you attended. In your two-page description you must indicate the date of the performance/lecture and make sure you have the correct title and lecturer's correctly spelled name.

Readings: Readings below are an integral part of the course. Starred readings are available on Reserve in the College Library (Helen C. White). They are not optional, but a required part of the course.

#### Lecture Topics & Reading Assignments

WEEK I    January 22 - Introduction to the Course  
           January 24 - Geography of Africa with slides

READINGS:    \*Merrick Posnansky, "Anatomy of a Continent," in The

Africans: A Reader, edited by Ali A. Mazrui (New York: Praeger, 1986), pp. 31-47.

Afigbo, et al., The Making of Modern Africa, pp. 1-31.

WEEK II January 28 - Peoples of Africa, Linguistic groupings and Social Systems

READING: \*Jolayemi Solanke, "Traditional social and political institutions," in African History and Culture, edited by Richard Olaniyan (Lagos: Longman Nigeria, 1982), pp. 27-37.

January 30 - Islam

READING: H. A. R. Gibb, Mohammedanism.

#### NORTHERN AFRICA c. 1500 to 1800

WEEK III February 5 - Ottomans in North Africa

February 7 - MAP QUIZ-50 points; North African trade in the Mediterranean and the Sudan; Barbary coast

READINGS: Cambridge History of Africa, Vol. 4, pp. 14-39; 142-52.

Jamil M. Abun-Nasr, A History of the Maghrib, Second Edition, Cambridge University Press, 1975, Chapter 7 (pp. 159-201).

WEEK IV February 12 - Funj sultanate

READING: Cambridge History of Africa, Vol. 4, pp. 40-57.

February 14 - (TERM PAPER TOPICS DUE TODAY FOR 4-CREDIT STUDENTS) Galla "invasions," Ethiopian expansion

READING: Jean Doresse, Ethiopia. New York: G. P. Putnam's Sons, 1959, pp. 124-85.

Cambridge History of Africa, Vol. 4, pp. 537-77.

#### WEST AFRICA 1500 to 1800

WEEK V February 19 - Introduction to the Region; Arrival of the Portuguese

READING: Afigbo, et al., The Making of Modern Africa, pp. 33-44.

John Vogt, Portuguese Rule on the Gold Coast, 1469-1682, Athens: University of Georgia Press, 1979. pp. 1-92.

Collins, Western African History, pp. 2-9 and readings 21-22.

February 21 - Songhay empire, Moroccan conquest of Songhay and its ramifications

READING: Ajayi and Crowder, History of West Africa, Vol. One, Third Edition--MAKE SURE YOU READ THE THIRD EDITION, Longman, 1985, Chapters 8 (pp. 323-71) and 13 (pp. 531-50).

Collins, Western African History, pp. 9-13 (1st column) and readings 2 - 4.

WEEK VI February 26 - Hausa city-states; Forest peoples of Nigeria and their neighbors

READING: Ajayi and Crowder, History of West Africa, Vol. One, Third Edition, Chapters 9 (pp. 372-311), 10 (pp. 412-64) and 14 (pp. 577-623).

Collins, Western African History, readings 6, 24, and 28.

February 28 - Atlantic slave trade

READINGS: J. E. Inikori, "The Origin of the Diaspora: The Slave Trade from Africa," Tarikh, 20, The African Diaspora, Humanities Press, 1978, pp. 1-19.

Sidney W. Mintz, Sweetness and Power, Penguin Books, 1985, pp. 19-73.

Collins, Western African History, readings 25-27.

Recommended Reading: John W. Blassingame, The Slave Community, New York: Oxford University Press, 1979, Chapters 1 and 2--for those interested in African survivals in American society.

WEEK VII March 5 - MID-TERM EXAM, 200 points (YOUR FIRST LECTURE DISCUSSION PAPER MUST HAVE BEEN HANDED IN BY THE END OF TODAY'S LECTURE.)

Central and East Africa to c. 1500

March 7 - Luba/Lunda state systems; Kongo kingdom; Portuguese impact.

READINGS: Collins, Central and South African History, pp. 2-6 and 12-13, and readings 1-6 and 11.

John K. Thornton, The Kingdom of the Kongo, University of Wisconsin Press, 1983, pp. 15-113.

David Birmingham and Phyllis M. Martin, eds., History of Central Africa, Vol. One, Longman, 1983, pp. 183-94. (Chapter by Thomas Q. Reece)

WEEK VIII March 12 - Angola and Nzinga of Matamba

READING: Collins, Central and South African History, pp. 13-14 and readings 7 and 8.

Joseph C. Miller, "Nzinga of Matamba in a New Perspective," Journal of African History 16, 1 (1975):201-16.

David Birmingham and Phyllis M. Martin, eds., History

of Central Africa, Vol. One, Longman, 1983, pp. 118-51. (Chapter by Joseph Miller)

March 14 - Zimbabwe-Mutapa-Butwa states; Portuguese in Mozambique

READINGS: David Birmingham and Phyllis M. Martin, eds., History of Central Africa, Vol. One, Longman, 1983, pp. 205-44 (Chapter by Alan K. Smith); pp. 245-67 (Chapter by D. N. Beach)

Collins, Central and South African History, pp. 10-12, and 15-16; readings 9 and 10

WEEK IX March 19 - Portuguese contact with the Swahili; Interior East Africa

READING: Ogot and Kieran, Zamani, New York: Humanities Press, 1968, Chapter 6 ("The coast from the Portuguese Invasion to the Rise of the Zanzibar Sultanate").

Cambridge History of Africa, Vol. 4, Chapter 7, pp. 470-536.

Southern Africa c. 1400 to 1800

March 21 - Khoisan and Bantu settlement; Dutch settlement at the Cape.

READINGS: Afigbo, et al., The Making of Modern Africa, Chapter 8.

Collins, Central and South African History, pp. 126-30; readings 25-27.

Reader's Digest Illustrated History of South Africa, Pleasantville, New York, 1988, pp. 20-79.

Richard Elphick, Khoikhoi and the founding of White South Africa, Johannesburg: Ravan Press, 1985, pp. 3-89.

WEEK X April 2 - Egypt and the Maghrib to 1870

READING: Afigbo, et al., The Making of Modern Africa, pp. 129-45; 176-95; 197-201; 202-10.

Cambridge History of Africa, Vol. 5, Chapters 1 and 3.

April 4 - Sudan and Ethiopia in the 19th century

READINGS: Afigbo, et al., The Making of Modern Africa, pp. 150-56; 164-69 (top).

Cambridge History of Africa, Vol. 5, Chapter 2

WEEK XI April 9 - Abolition of the Atlantic slave trade; establishment of Sierra Leone and Liberia; Repercussions

READING: Afigbo, et al., The Making of Modern Africa, Chapter 2.

Ajayi and Crowder, History of West Africa, Vol. 2,

Second Edition--MAKE SURE YOU READ THE SECOND EDITION, Chapter 2 (by Laray Denzer), pp. 48-85 and Chapter 8 (by Monday Abasiattai), pp. 301-39.

Maryse Condé, Segu. (Begin reading.)

Collins, Western African History, readings 10, 29, and 30.

#### April 11 - Jihad in West Africa

READINGS: Afigbo, et al., The Making of Modern Africa, pp. 80-93 (middle).

Ajayi and Crowder, History of West Africa, Vol. 2, Second Edition, Chapter 1 (by Murray Last), pp. 1-47

Cambridge History of Africa, Vol. 4, pp. 191-216.

Collins, Western African History, readings 7 - 9 and 12 - 15.

#### WEEK XII April 16 - West African Forest States

READING: Afigbo, et al., The Making of Modern Africa, Yoruba, Dahomey, and Asante, Chapter 3.

Ajayi and Crowder, History of West Africa, Vol. 2, Second Edition, Chapter 5 (by J. F. A. Ajayi), pp. 174-214 and Chapter 6 (by Edward Reynolds), pp. 215-49.

#### Southern Africa in the 19th Century

##### April 18 - Mfecane

READINGS: Afigbo, et al., The Making of Modern Africa, pp. 229-39.

Reader's Digest Illustrated History of South Africa, Pleasantville, New York, 1988, pp. 79-93 and 107.

#### WEEK XIII April 23 - British at the Cape; Great Trek; White Rule moves inland

READING: Afigbo, et al., The Making of Modern Africa, pp. 239-50; 251-74.

Reader's Digest Illustrated History of South Africa, Pleasantville, New York, 1988, pp. 94-106; 108-75.

#### April 25 - Central Africa in the 19th Century

READINGS: Afigbo, et al., The Making of Modern Africa, pp. 306-14.

#### WEEK XIV April 30 - European exploration

May 2 - FINAL MAP QUIZ, 75 points; Omanis in East Africa

READINGS: Afigbo, et al., The Making of Modern Africa, pp. 314-16.

WEEK XV May 7 - East African commercial diaspora

READING: Afigbo, et al., The Making of Modern Africa, pp. 317-32.

Cambridge History of Africa, Vol. 5, Chapter 8 ("East Africa: the expansion of commerce"), pp. 270-318.

May 9 - (THE SECOND LECTURE DISCUSSION PAPER MUST BE HANDED IN BY THE END OF TODAY'S LECTURE.) REVIEW

FINAL EXAM, Saturday, May 18, 7:45-9:45am: 250 points.