History 120: Section 006        Spring 2009
History of Western Civilization Since 1648       Mr. Dietle: CH 240
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Required Course Books:
  University of Chicago Readings in Western Civilization
    Volume 7: The Old Regime and the French Revolution
    Volume 8: Nineteenth-Century Europe
    Volume 9: Twentieth-Century Europe
  Descartes, Discourse on Method (Hackett)
  Marx and Engels, The Communist Manifesto (Pathfinder)
  John Stuart Mill, On Liberty (Croft Classics)

NOTE: All readings marked with an asterisk (*) will be available as photocopies provided by the History Department or as documents on the web.

Course Description: This course is an introduction to European History and the methods historians use in dealing with the past. You will learn to analyze past events and ideas by examining a variety of texts. The goal of the course is to develop your critical skills while also introducing major epochs in the Western tradition.

Responsibilities: This course combines lectures with class discussions of the assigned readings. Therefore it is essential that you read the week's assignment before that week's classes. You are expected to: 1) Attend Class. 2) Prepare all reading and writing assignments thoroughly and thoughtfully. 3) Participate in class discussions by listening and speaking.

Quizzes: During the semester there will be twelve quizzes. Each quiz will be over the assigned readings and will be worth 10 points. Your lowest two quiz scores will be dropped. There will be no make-up quizzes.

Essays: During the semester you will write two short (2-3 page) essays on assigned topics. Each essay will be worth 50 points.

Exams: Exams will consist of essay questions and short identifications. You are required to write your exams in Blue Books (available at the WKU Bookstore). The Exam Schedule is as follows:
  Midterm: Monday, March 1       Final: Tuesday, May 4, 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Course Grades: Course Grades are calculated as follows:
  Quizzes     = 100 points = 25%
  Essays      = 100 points = 25%
  Midterm     = 100 points = 25%
  Final       = 100 points = 25%

NOTE: All assignments must be completed in order to pass this course.
Class Schedule:

Week I: January 12-16: The Seventeenth Century
M: An Age of Crisis
W: Descartes, Discourse on Method
F: Descartes, Discourse on Method

Week II: January 19-23: Scientific and Political Revolutions
M: No Class
W: *Pascal, Preface to the Treatise on the Vacuum
   *Bossuet, Letter to a Disciple of Malebranche
F: Stuart England

Week III: January 26-30: The Old Regime
M: Loyseau, A Treatise on Orders (7: 13-31)
W: Bossuet, Politics Derived from the Words of Holy Scripture (7: 31-47)
F: Europe in the Age of Louis XV

Week IV: February 2-6: From Enlightenment to Reform
M: *Condorcet, Sketch for a Historical Picture of the Progress of the Human Mind
W: *Condorcet, Sketch
F: Sieyes, What is the Third Estate? (7: 154-179)

Week V: February 9-13: From Reform to Revolution
M: Sieyes, What is the Third Estate?
W: Decrees of National Assembly, 10-11 August 1789 (7: 226-31)
   Declaration of the Rights of Man (7: 237-9)
   Constitution of the Year 1791 (7: 249-61)
F: Sans culottes documents (7: 330-42)

Week VI: February 16-20: The Radical Revolution
M: *Robespierre, Letters nos. 2 & 4
W: Robespierre, Principles of Political Morality (7: 368-84)
F: *Babeuf, Manifesto of Equals (Photocopy and 7:392-403)

M: Burke, Reflections on the Revolution (7:428-45)

W: Burke, Reflections

F: Napoleonic Europe

Week VIII: March 1-5: Background to the Nineteenth Century
M: Midterm


F: Bentham and Wilberforce: Sources of Liberalism (8: 6-23, 297-304)

Week IX: March 8-12: The Political and Social Consequences of the Industrial Revolution
M: *Statistical Tables and Articles from the London Economist (8: 92-100)

W: Factory Legislation Debates (8: 62-82)

F: *Charles Darwin, Origin of Species, Descent of Man

Due

First Essay

Week X: March 15-19: Liberalism
M: The Revolutions of 1848

W: Tocqueville, Recollections (8: 220-41)
    Macaulay, Letter to H.S. Randall (8: 279-81)


Week XI: March 29-April 2: Socialism
M: John Stuart Mill, On Liberty
    *John Stuart Mill, Autobiography

W: Marx & Engels, Communist Manifesto

F: Marx & Engels, Communist Manifesto

Week XII: April 5-9: Nationalism and Imperialism
M: Mazzini, Duties to Country (8: 282-87)

W: Treitschke, In Memory of the Great War (8: 461-9)

F: Earl of Cromer, Modern Egypt (8: 546-54)
Kipling, "White Man's Burden" (8: 544-6)

**Week XIII:** April 12-16: The Great War  
**M:** Max Weber, *Between Two Laws* (9: 151-5)

**W:** Sigmund Freud, *Thoughts for the Times on War and Death* (9: 155-175)

**F:** Freud, *Thoughts for the Times*  
*Second Essay Due*

**Week XIV:** April 19-23: A Broken World  
**M:** J.M. Keynes, *Economic Consequences of the Peace*  
(*chapter II and 9: 175-90)

**W:** Mussolini, *Doctrines of Fascism* (9: 219-33)

**F:** Hitler, *Mein Kampf* (9: 191-218)

**Week XV:** April 26-30: Out of the Abyss  
**M:** Bettelheim, *The Experience of the Concentration Camps* (9: 466-482)

**W:** *Beveridge, Four Questions on the Plan*  
Beveridge, *New Britain* (9: 503-515)

**F:** Starting Over: The Post-War World

**Final: Tuesday, May 12, 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.**