

**SAN DIEGO STATE UNIVERSITY  
SYLLABUS**

**WORLD HISTORY  
History 101, Sec. 01**

**Fall 2004  
Dr. Mahdavi**

**Student Learning Goals for Content and Skill Acquisition:**

This is a course in the history of the human community from approximately 1500 C.E. to the present. The course differs from the traditional Western Civilization class in that the entire world rather than Europe alone is the focus of study. The central questions the course will ask are these: What is Modernity, that is, what do we mean when we ask of "the modern world" in which we live? How have the political, social, cultural, and economic forces that we associate with modernity changed our world and its people during the past 500 years? Why has the intercommunication, interaction, and interdependence of the peoples of the world become so much more intense during the past 500 years than they were in earlier ages? How and why did western civilization rise to global domination in the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries, and how has the challenge of western power and cultural prestige affected the course of history of all the World's people? Finally a question that we should be asking throughout the semester: how have the patterns of world history over the past 500 years determined or affected 1) the way we now live and think, and 2) our prospects for peace, prosperity, and the "pursuit of happiness" in the coming decades?

This course is NOT primarily a narrative survey of civilizations, dynasties, and nations. The history of humankind is more than the sum of the histories of particular countries or empires. The most important developments in history have not taken place merely within the boundaries of nations. Rather, large-scale patterns of history have unfolded in continental, hemispheric, or global settings, drawing peoples of different languages and cultures into common historical experiences. This course, then, will develop a number of themes stressing the interrelations of societies and cultures and comparing the experience of peoples and civilizations with one another.

**EXAMINATIONS:**

There will be one full-period examination during the semester, plus a final exam during the testing period in **December**. These exams will consist of essay questions only. In addition, we will have a 15-minute Map **Quiz on September 27th**. A study guide for the map quiz is provided and enclosed with your syllabus.

**Quizzes**

We will have a 10-15 minute quiz every week (with the exception of weeks 7<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>) beginning with week two. Questions will invariably relate to the assignment for that week. There will be **no make-ups** of the weekly tests for any reason. (Please do not ask!) Rather in calculating final grades, a student's two lowest quiz grades (including "zero" grades for absence) will be dropped.

**ATTENDANCE AND PARTICIPATION:**

Keep in mind that each class lecture of discussion is part of a continuing story. When you skip class, you miss some of the plot and you will soon be lost. Therefore, I am allocating 5% of the total grade on your attendance. You are however allowed to **two** absences. If you miss a **third** class meeting, you will lose the allocated percentage for attendance.

**GRADE DETERMINATION:**

Class Attendance	5%
Map Quiz	10%
Weekly Quizzes	30% (10 recorded grades x 3% each)
Mid-term Examination	25%
Final Examination	30%

You will receive both a numerical score and a letter grade for each exam. Criteria for grading would be as follow:

93 - 100	A	73 - 76	C
90 - 92	A-	70 - 72	C-
87 - 89	B+	67 - 69	D+
83 - 86	B	63 - 66	D
80 - 82	B-	60 - 62	D-
77 - 79	C+	59 or below	F=0

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**REQUIRED READINGS:**

J. Bentley & H. Ziegler, Traditions and Encounters: A Global Perspective on the Past. Volume II, Second Edition  
Alfred W. Crosby. Ecological Imperialism.  
Chinua Achebe. Things Fall Apart.  
Ngugi Wa Thiong’o. Weep Not, Child  
Hammond. Historical Atlas of the World (optional.)  
World Map: Robinson Projection (purchase two copies)

**WEEK 1**

August 30	Introduction
September 1	The Geography and the Shape of World History about 1500C.E. Bentley & Ziegler, pp. 602-605

**WEEK 2**

September 6

**No Class-Labor Day**

September 8

Sources of European Power  
Bentley & Ziegler, pp. 637-652  
**Quiz # 1**

**WEEK 3**

September 13

The Great World Convergence and Its Consequences  
Crosby, Chaps. 1 & 2  
Bentley & Ziegler, pp.607-634  
and  
Open Discussion on Crosby's Chapter. 4

September 15

Film: "Columbus and the Age of Discovery"  
Crosby, Chaps. 5 & 6  
**Quiz # 2**

**WEEK 4**

September 20

Power in the Center: The Islamic Empires  
Bentley & Ziegler, pp. Chap. 28

September 22

Islamic Empires (continued)  
Film: The Fall of Constantinople  
**Quiz # 3**

**WEEK 5**

September 27

**MAP QUIZ**  
The Chinese Empire in a Changing World  
Bentley & Ziegler, Chap. 27

September 29

Atlantic Interrelations: Africa, Europe and the Americas  
Bentley & Ziegler, Chap.25  
**Quiz # 4**

**WEEK 6**

October 4

Atlantic Interrelations (continued)  
Bentley & Ziegler, pp. Chap.26  
Crosby, Chap. 9

Capitalism and European Power  
Bentley & Ziegler, pp. 652-664

October 6

Expanding Power in Russia  
Bentley & Ziegler, Chap. 29  
**Quiz # 5**

**WEEK 7**

October 11                   Modernity and the Islamic World  
Bentley & Ziegler, reread pp. 770-774  
**Review Discussion**

October 13                   **MID-TERM EXAMINATION**

**WEEK 8**

October 18                   Revolutions in the Atlantic World  
Bentley & Ziegler, pp. 807-820

October 20                   Revolutions in the Atlantic World (continued)  
Bentley & Ziegler, pp. 820-837  
**Quiz # 6**

**WEEK 9**

October 25                   Capitalism and Industry in Europe  
Bentley & Ziegler, Chap. 31

October 27                   Discussion of Achebe, Things Fall Apart  
Achebe, read the entire book  
**Quiz # 7**

**WEEK 10**

November 1                   The Growth of Neo-Europe in the 19th Century  
Crosby, Chaps. 11 & 12  
Bentley & Ziegler, pp. 949-951  
  
Islam and the World Economy in the 19th Century  
Bentley & Ziegler, pp. 903-911

November 3                   Latin America and the World Economy  
Bentley & Ziegler, reread pp. 823-824 & Chap. 32  
**Quiz # 8**

**WEEK 11**

November 8                   Film: Modernizing of Japan  
Bentley & Ziegler, pp. 924-929

Europe's New Imperialism  
Bentley & Ziegler, Chap. 34

November 10                   African and Asian Responses to the New Imperialism  
**Quiz # 9**

**WEEK 12**

November 15

World War I: The First Global War  
Bentley & Ziegler, Chap. 35

November 17

World War I: Aftermath  
Bentley & Ziegler, Chap. 36  
**Quiz # 10**

**WEEK 13**

November 22

World War II  
Bentley & Ziegler, Chap. 37

November 24

World War II (continued)

**WEEK 14**

November 29

Nationalism and New Power in the Developing Countries  
Bentley & Ziegler, pp. 1099-1115

December 1

Discussion of Ngugi, Weep Not, Child  
Ngugi, pp. 3-136  
**Quiz # 11**

**WEEK 15**

December 6

Capitalism, Development and Dependency  
Bentley & Ziegler, pp. 1117-1129 & Chap. 38  
**Quiz # 12**

December 8

**Conclusion and Review**

**WEEK 16**

**FINAL EXAMINATION: Wednesday, December 15, 13:00-15:00**

### **STUDY GUIDE FOR MAP QUIZ**

A fifteen-minute map quiz will be given on **September 27th**. You will be asked to locate on a world outline map 25 of the items listed below. The instructor will choose the items (4 points for each). The blank map is available in the bookstore. Please buy one copy and then make a photocopy for yourself for practice. **You are responsible for bringing your blank map to class on the day of the test.** All of the terms on this sheet should be found on the maps in the Hammond's Historical Atlas of the World or on maps in the textbook by Bentley & Ziegler. You may also refer to atlases in the reference section on the main floor of the library. The Times Atlas of World History by G. Barraclough is especially useful.

#### **OCEANS AND SEAS**

Aegean Sea  
Arabian Sea  
(Egypt)  
Bay of Bengal  
Caspian Sea  
East China Sea  
South China Sea  
Indian Ocean  
Persian Gulf  
Red Sea  
Black Sea  
Mediterranean Sea

#### **ISLANDS**

Ceylon  
Crete  
Cyprus  
Japan  
Philippines  
Sicily  
East Indies (Indonesia)

#### **MOUNTAINS**

Alps  
Altai  
Andes  
Atlas  
Himalayas  
Hindu Kush  
Tien Shan  
Urals

#### **STRAITS & PASSES**

Bosphorus  
Dardanelles  
  
Str. of Bab al-Mandeb  
Str. of Gibraltar  
Str. of Hurmuz  
Str. of Malacca  
Khyber Pass

#### **RIVERS**

Amu Darya (Oxus)  
Danube  
Elbe  
Euphrates  
Nile  
Ganges  
Hwang He (Yellow)  
Indus  
Niger  
Syr Darya (Jaxartes)  
Tigris  
Volga  
Yangtze  
Rhine

#### **MISCELLANEOUS**

Anatolia (Asia Minor)  
Cape of Good Hope  
Cape Horn  
Sahara Desert  
Arabian Desert  
Gobi Desert  
Mongolia  
West African Sudan  
Mesopotamia  
Kalahari Desert

#### **CITIES**

Aden  
Alexandria  
  
Athens  
Berlin  
Brussels  
Cairo  
Cordoba (Spain)  
Damascus  
Delhi  
Genoa  
Hong Kong  
Jerusalem  
Lima  
Lisbon  
Mecca  
Mombasa  
Moscow  
Paris  
Peking  
Rome  
Santiago  
Shanghai  
Stockholm  
Timbuktu  
Tokyo  
Venice  
Zanzibar