

History 0250
Spring 2024
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THE ASCENT OF EUROPE: 1450 TO THE PRESENT

Thur 18 Jan: Introduction; and the Graeco-Roman Roots of European Civilization
Reading: *The Western Heritage*, "Introduction: The West Before 1300"; Canvas #1

Tue 23 Jan: "I See You Are Very Religious": The Hebrew Roots of Christian Civilization

Thur 25 Jan: Faith Based on Reason: The Medieval Cradle of Modern Europe

Reading: *Heritage*, Chapter 9; Canvas #2

Tue 30 Jan: Renaissance! Humanism and the Classical Revival in Italy and North of the Alps

Thur 1 Feb: "A Mighty Fortress is Our God": The Protestant Reformations in Northern Europe

Reading: *Heritage*, Chapters 10-11; Canvas #3

Tue 6 Feb: "Set All Aflame": The Catholic Reformation and the Thirty Years War

Thur 8 Feb: An Age of Discovery: The Explosion of European Civilization Abroad

Reading: *Heritage*, Chapter 12; Canvas #4

Tue 13 Feb: Two Cardinals and a Sun King: Absolutism Triumphant in France

Thur 15 Feb: Cavaliers, Roundheads, and Whigs: Absolutism Thwarted in England

Reading: *Heritage*, Chapters 13-14

Tue 20 Feb: Seeking the Mind of God, Europeans Fashion a Scientific Revolution

Thur 22 Feb: Soldiers and Serfs, Icon and Axe: The Rise of Prussia and Russia

Reading: *Heritage*, Chapters 15-16; Canvas #5

Tue 27 Feb: Reason Based on Faith: Competing Enlightenments Debate the Nature of Man

Thur 29 Feb: Competition for Empire: why Britain and British America Rose to Primacy

Reading: *Heritage*, Chapters 17-18; Canvas #6 ****FIRST ESSAY DUE!!**

Tue 5 Mar: SPRING BREAK

Thur 7 Mar: SPRING BREAK

Reading: None

Tue 12 Mar: *Liberté, Egalité, Fraternité*: the French Revolution

Thur 14 Mar: A World Restored: The Birth of Conservatism and Liberalism

Reading: *Heritage*, Chapters 19-20; Canvas #7

Tue 19 Mar: "A Machine in the Garden": Four Industrial Revolutions Create "Modern" Society

Thur 21 Mar: "Springtime of Peoples": Romantic Revolution and Realistic Reform

Reading: *Heritage*, Chapters 21-22; Canvas # 8

Tue 26 Mar: "Nothing to Lose but Your Chains": Socialism and the Working Class

Thur 28 Mar: "Fluttered Folk and Wild": Europe's New Imperialism

Reading: *Heritage*, Chapters 23-24; Canvas # 9

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Tue 2 Apr: "The Snake That Ate Its Tail": Modernism in Art and Thought

Thr 4 Apr: "Human, All Too Human": The Descent Into World War I

Reading: *Heritage*, Chapter 25; Canvas # 10 & 11

Tue 9 Apr: "Storm of Steel": The Traumas of War and Peace

Thr 11 Apr: Class Warfare: Marxist/Leninist Ideology Captures Soviet Russia

Reading: *Heritage*, Chapters 26-27; Canvas # 12

Tue 16 Apr: Race Warfare: Fascist/Nazi Ideology Captures Italy and Germany

Thr 18 Apr: "Years the Locust Hath Eaten": the Great Depression and Appeasement

Reading: *Heritage*, Chapter 28; Canvas # 13

Tue 23 Apr: Descent Into Hell: World War II and the Holocaust ****SECOND ESSAY DUE!!**

Thr 25 Apr: Echernach Dance: Cold War and European Union

Reading: *Heritage*, Chapter 29; Canvas #14

Tue 30 Apr: Europe Since 1991: Universal, Triumphant, Decadent, or Dead?

Reading: *Heritage*, Chapter 30; Canvas #15

To Be Announced: FINAL EXAMINATION

Textbook Available at the Barnes & Noble University Bookstore, 3601 Walnut Street

Donald Kagan, Steven Ozment, Frank M. Turner, and Alison Frank, *The Western Heritage Since 1300* (Pearson/Prentice Hall). You may use either the 9th, 10th, 11th, or 12th editions, new or used. Just check carefully to be sure your intended purchase begins with "INTRODUCTION: The West before 1300" and "CHAPTER 9 The Late Middle Ages".

Canvas Website

- #1. Daniel Bell, *The Winding Passage*, pp. 3-33 (Technology, Nature, and Society)
- #2. Paul Johnson, *The Renaissance*, pp. 3-21 (Medieval Roots of the Renaissance)
- #3. William Bouwsma, *John Calvin: A Sixteenth-Century Portrait*, pp. 1-5, 113-27 (Humanism)
- #4. Owen Chadwick, *The Reformation*, pp. 251-62, 273-84, 293-99 (Catholic Reformation)
- #5. Francis Bacon, *Selected Philosophical Works*, pp. 66-85 (Science, the Great Instauration)
- #6. Walter McDougall, *Freedom Just Around the Corner*, pp. 17-37 (English Expansion)
- #7. Lynn Hunt, *Politics, Culture ... in the French Revolution*, pp. 1-16 (Origins of Ideology)
- #8. David Landes, *The Unbound Prometheus*, pp. 1-40 (Industrial Revolution)
- #9. Karl Polanyi, *The Great Transformation*, pp. 3-19 (Pillars of 19th c. Progress)
- #10. Daniel Headrick, *The Tools of Empire*, pp. 3-12 (Technology of Imperialism)
- #11. Friedrich Nietzsche, *Beyond Good and Evil*, pp. 90-109 (Modernist Philosophy)
- #12. Leszek Kolakowski, "Marxist Roots of Stalinism" (Soviet Communism)
- #13. Jeffrey Herf, "Reactionary Modernism" (Nazism, Technology, and Society)
- #14. Francis Fukuyama, "The End of History" (Liberal Ideological Triumphalism)
- #15. James Sheehan, *Where Have All the Soldiers Gone?* (Europe's Pacification over the 20th c.)