

INTRODUCTION TO WORLD HISTORY HISTORY 125-004

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DK 2053

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This course will provide an understanding of the processes that have shaped the modern world. The course traces the developments that reorganized peoples, reshaped cultures and generated new economies because of the interaction between major regions of the world from 1500 on. The focus of the course will be on processes of interaction and the global networks resulting from mercantile expansion, the industrial revolution, imperialism, nationalism and their legacies in the post-colonial period.

By the conclusion of the course, students should have a grasp of the major chronology of world history since 1500, an ability to demonstrate the changes, continuities, and connections between major world regions during this period, and the ability to assess and evaluate the sources, both primary and secondary, textual and other, used in providing explanation and interpretation of world events and world history. Students will be expected to demonstrate these outcomes through essay exams, papers, and oral participation.

READINGS: The following books are all required and available at the bookstore.

Textbooks:

Tignor, et. al, Worlds Together Worlds Apart, Vol. 2, 4th ed., Norton, 2014
Pomeranz, et. al. eds., Worlds Together Worlds Apart Companion Reader, vol. 2, Norton, 2011

Supplemental Texts:

Getz, R, and L. Clarke, Abina and the Important Men, Oxford, 2011
Ghosh, A., Sea of Poppies, Picador, 2008
Kanafani, G., Men in the Sun, Lynne Rienner, 2006

REQUIREMENTS AND GRADE DISTRIBUTION:

Students are to complete all the assigned readings for each class before that class. Participation (10%) is expected and strongly suggested as failure to do so will adversely affect the student's grade. There will be two exams: a midterm (35%) and a final (35%). Each exam will involve identifications and essays. Dates for both exams are absolutely non-negotiable; so make sure to plan work, study, and vacations around these dates. There will be no exceptions made for these reasons. There is also one required paper (20%) on one of the supplemental texts listed above. Paper will be 5-7 pages in length. Study guides with further instructions for both papers and exams will be provided at the appropriate times. Lastly, be prepared to encounter the occasional pop quiz.

ADDITIONAL ISSUES:

Students are not allowed to eat, text, or use laptops for any purpose other than taking notes during class. Cell phones must be turned off. Walking in late is not only rude and disruptive, but will adversely affect your grade. If a student is not prepared to participate, it is better not to attend, as attendance of warm bodies alone does not qualify as participation.

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS:

ACADEMIC INTEGRITY

GMU is an Honor Code university; please see the University Catalog for a full description of the code and the honor committee process. The principle of academic integrity is taken very seriously and violations are treated gravely. What does academic integrity mean in this course? Essentially this: when you are responsible for a task, you will perform that task. When you rely on someone else's work in an aspect of the performance of that task, you will give full credit in the proper, accepted form. Another aspect of academic integrity is the free play of ideas. Vigorous discussion and debate are encouraged in this course, with the firm expectation that all aspects of the class will be conducted with civility and respect for differing ideas, perspectives, and traditions. When in doubt (of any kind) please ask for guidance and clarification.

GMU EMAIL ACCOUNTS

Students must activate their GMU email accounts to receive important University Information, including messages related to this class.

OFFICE OF DISABILITY SERVICES

If you are a student with a disability and you need academic accommodations, please see me and contact the Office of Disability Services (ODS) at 993-2474. All academic accommodations must be arranged through the ODS. <http://ods.gmu.edu>

OTHER USEFUL CAMPUS RESOURCES:

WRITING CENTER: A114 Robinson Hall; (703) 993-1200; <http://writingcenter.gmu.edu>

UNIVERSITY LIBRARIES "Ask a Librarian" <http://library.gmu.edu/mudge/IM/IMRef.html>

COUNSELING AND PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES (CAPS): (703) 993-2380;
<http://caps.gmu.edu>

UNIVERSITY POLICIES

The University Catalog, <http://catalog.gmu.edu>, is the central resource for university policies affecting student, faculty, and staff conduct in university affairs.

Last Day to Add Classes: January 27, 2015

Last Day to Drop Classes: January 27, 2015

Selective Withdrawal Period: January 27-February 20, 2015

LECTURE AND ASSIGNMENT SCHEDULE

Week 1	Introduction to Course Introduction Tignor, Preface
Week 2	Toward a World Together Tignor, Ch. 10 Tignor, Ch. 10 Pomeranz, pp. 1, 5, 10, 31
Week 3	Worlds Apart Tignor, Ch. 11 Pomeranz, pp. 41, 46, 56, 59, 63
Week 4	Emergence of a New World Order Tignor, Ch. 12 Pomeranz, pp. 68, 77, 79, 82, 91, 97
Week 5	Transformations Tignor, Ch. 13 <i>Study Guide for Midterm Exam</i> Pomeranz, pp. 108, 118, 125, 133, 137
Week 6	Traditions Tignor, Ch. 14 <i>Review for Midterm</i> Midterm Exam
Week 7	A New World Order Tignor, Ch. 15 Pomeranz, pp. 173, 177, 182, 186, 190 <i>Paper Guide for Sea of Poppies</i>
Week 8	SPRING BREAK
Week 9	Sea of Poppies <i>Sea of Poppies Discussion</i>

Sea of Poppies Discussion, cont.
Sea of Poppies Paper Due

- Week 10 Resistance and Response
- Tignor, Ch. 16
- Pomeranz, pp. 203, 208, 212, 216
Abina Paper Guide
- Week 11 Empire vs. Nation
- Tignor, Ch. 17
- Pomeranz, pp. 225, 232, 235, 243
- Week 12 End of Empire
- Abina Discussion and Paper Due***
- Tignor, Ch. 18
- Week 13 Mass Participation
- Tignor, Ch. 19
- Pomeranz, pp. 285, 287, 289, 295
Paper guide for Men in the Sun
- Week 14 Three Worlds in One
- Tignor, Ch. 20
- Pomeranz, 304, 323, 334, 350, 360
Final Exam Study Guide
- Men in the Sun Discussion and Paper Due***
- Week 15 Going Global
- Tignor, Ch. 21, Epilogue
- Pomeranz, pp. 378, 382
Final Exam Review

Final Exam: Thursday May 7 10:30-1:15 (Subject to change in event of class cancellation due to weather. Always check gmu.edu/academic/academic calendars for revised exam date and time).

