World History from 1500 C.E. to the Present

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Texts: Robert McNeill and William H. McNeill, The Human Web: A Bird's-Eye View of World

History (Norton, 2003) ISBN: 0393925684

David S. Landes, The Wealth and Poverty of Nations: Why Some Are So Rich and Some

So Poor (Norton, 1999) ISBN-13: 978-0393318883

Joseph R. Mitchell and Helen Buss Mitchell, editors, Annual Editions: World History,

Volume 2, 9/e (Annual Editions: World History Vol 2) (McGraw-Hill/Dushkin,

2007) ISBN-13: 978-0073528465

Class Description:

A survey of the political, social, cultural, economic, religious, scientific, and intellectual influences on the development of Asia, Africa, the Americas, and Europe from 1500 to the present.

Class participation and discussion is expected. While some lecture might be presented, for the most part, the class will focus on the discussion of the assigned topics and reading.

Grading Policies:

Grades will be determined on the following basis:

Quizzes60%Map assignment10%Time-line assignment10%Class Paper20%

Grades: A: 90 - 100% B: 80 - 89% C: 70 - 79% D: 60 - 69% E: 0 - 59%

Students with Disabilities: Any student requiring accommodations or services due to a disability must contact Services for Students with Disabilities (SSD) in Room 181 of the Student Service Center on the Ogden campus. SSD can also arrange to provide materials (including this syllabus) in alternative formats if necessary.

Class paper: A 5-7 page paper on any topic in world history is required. You may turn in an early draft for me to critique and I will return the critiqued draft two weeks later. The final draft is due on the final day of class. You must use at least four sources, only half of which may come from the Internet, and you must cite all quotations. The following web sites are useful:

http://www.lib.berkeley.edu/TeachingLib/Guides/Internet/Evaluate.html http://www.lib.berkeley.edu/TeachingLib/Guides/Internet/Style.html

Quizzes: There will a quiz every day at the beginning of class. Each quiz will be based on the readings that you were given for that day. You may miss four quizzes; if you take extra quizzes, they will count as extra credit.

Map Exercise:

Objective: Refresh your geographical knowledge from an historical perspective.

Attached to this syllabus are blank maps of the World, Europe, and the Middle East. You might want to make copies for practice. Place or draw the following locations on the maps.

Map locations for World Map:

Indus River Yellow River Ganges River Yangtze River Mediterranean Sea Black Sea Mississippi River Amazon River Indonesia Lake Victoria Congo River Hawaii Arabian Peninsula Peru Mexico Hispaniola Australia Japan

Greenland Delhi New Zealand
Africa North America South America
India Pakistan Philippines
Sri Lanka Taiwan Brazil
China England Canada

Map locations for the European Map:

Seine River Elbe River Danube River Rhine River **Dardanelles English Channel** Atlantic Ocean Adriatic Sea Pyrenees Mountains Alps Mountains Sarajevo Norway Ireland Rome **Naples** Florence Milan Venice

IrelandRomeNaplesFlorenceMilanVeniceLondonParisFranceStalingradSerbiaFinlandSicilyNormandySpainBerlinMoscowIcelandGibraltarLisbonWarsaw

Map locations for the Middle Eastern Map:

Nile River Tigris River Euphrates River Mediterranean Sea Black Sea Caspian Sea Aegean Sea Indian Ocean Persian Gulf Red Sea Jerusalem Iran

Cairo (Egypt) Iraq Israel Pakistan Afghanistan Armenia Rhodes Crete Cyprus Saudi Arabia Kuwait Yemen Jordan Syria Turkey Baghdad Sudan Lebanon Mecca Athens Istanbul

Grading will be based on three criteria:

- 1) Placing all locations correctly.
- 2) Neatness and presentation.
- 3) Grammatical or mechanical errors.

Cheating Policy: Cheating and deceit are not accepted Weber State University. *Cheating on an exam or assignment, or turning in someone else's work as your own, will result in an E for the class*. You may work together on your assignments and papers, but you must turn in your own work. If you quote from a book, article, or web site, you must properly quote and cite your work. **Avoid even the appearance of cheating or plagiarism**.

Time-line Exercise:

Objective: Review of events of world history; gain an increased understanding of historical perspective.

Make a timeline of what you see as the 30 most important events in world history from 1500 to 2005. Use our textbook or an encyclopedia or the Internet to find your information. For each entry, include a 2-3 sentence justification for your choice. Timeline MUST be typed. Grading will be based on three criteria:

- 1) Completion of 30 world history events and 2-3 sentence descriptions.
- 2) Neatness and presentation.
- 3) Grammatical or mechanical errors.

Schedule:

Date	Tuesday	Thursday
January 8	Welcome to class	McNeill VI
January 15	McNeill VII	McNeill VIII
January 22	Landes 1; Mitchell 41	Landes 2, 3
January 29	Landes 4; Mitchell 16	Landes 5; Mitchell 17
February 5	Landes 6	Landes 7, 8; Mitchell 2, 3
February 12	Landes 9; Mitchell 4, 5	NO CLASS
February 19	Landes 10; Mitchell 5, 6	Landes 11, 12
February 26	Landes 13; Mitchell 18, 19, 20	NO CLASS
March 4	Landes 14; Mitchell 13, 15	Landes 15; Mitchell 9
March 11	SPRING BREAK	SPRING BREAK
March 18	Landes 16; Mitchell 23, 24, 25	Landes 17, 18; Mitchell 14
March 25	Landes 19, 20; Mitchell 10, 11, 12	Landes 21; Mitchell 8, 21
April 1	Landes 22, 23; Mitchell 7, 22, 26	Landes 24; Mitchell 27, 28, 29
April 8	World War II: Mitchell 30-34	Cold War; Mitchell 35-40
April 15	Landes 25, 26	Landes 27-29; McNeill IX
April 22	Current events: Mitchell 42-47	Spare day
April 29	There is NO Final Exam	