

## SYLLABUS

### WESTERN CIVILIZATION FROM 1715

History 122  
Rhodes College  
Spring Semester 1999  
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### COURSE OBJECTIVES

This is an introductory course designed to familiarize students with many of the broad themes of modern European history. It is intended for those students who do not yet have significant exposure to the history and culture of Europe since 1715; those who do should not take this course. Students will leave this course with a good, general understanding of the important social, political, religious and intellectual developments of the Western world in the modern period. This course will also provide a solid foundation for those students who go on to take more advanced courses in modern European history. Students will be introduced as well to the critical reading of primary and secondary sources and to the nature of essay writing on historical subjects.

### COURSE REQUIREMENTS

This is a lecture course with readings assigned for discussion nearly every session. Students must be prepared to discuss these assigned readings in an informed manner in class. Students who find it difficult to participate actively in class discussions are urged to keep a journal consisting of summaries of the assigned readings which may be submitted to be graded as partial compensation for poor performance in class discussions. Each student will also write a short research essay, which will be based in part upon course materials and in part upon additional readings. Detailed information about the essay assignment will be distributed well before the assignment is due. There will be two examinations, both largely essay in nature. Final grades will be determined as follows: class participation/journal - 25%; mid-term examination - 25%; essay - 25%; final examination - 25%. **ALL ESSAYS MUST BE TURNED IN BY CLASS TIME ON THE DATE DUE. LATE ESSAYS WILL BE AUTOMATICALLY REDUCED BY ONE FULL LETTER GRADE**

### REQUIRED TEXTBOOKS

Mark Kishlansky, et al., Civilization in the West, 3rd ed. vol. 2  
Merry E. Wiesner, et al., Discovering the Western Past, 3rd ed., vol. 2  
Richard M. Golden, Social History of Western Civilization, 3rd ed. vol. 2  
Roger Dufraisie, Napoleon  
Erich Maria Remarque, All Quiet on the Western Front  
Leslie Derfler, ed., An Age of Conflict

### COURSE OUTLINE

#### Week I

Jan. 14 Introduction

#### Week II Eighteenth Century Political Life

Jan. 19 Seventeenth-Century Europe (no assignment)

Jan. 21 Absolutism (Kishlansky, pp. 539-49 and Chap. 18; Wiesner, Chap. 2)

#### Week III Eighteenth Century Politics and Religious Life

Jan. 26 Empires and Wars (Kishlansky, pp. 566-86)

Jan. 28 Religion (Golden, pp.74-88)

Week IV Eighteenth Century Society

Feb. 2 Enlightenment (Kishlansky, pp. 554-66, 626-34; Wiesner, Chap. 3)

Feb. 4 Nobles and Peasants (Kishlansky, pp. 634-54; Wiesner, Chap. 4; Golden,

Week V Eighteenth Century Society and French Revolution

Feb. 9 Popular Culture (Kishlansky, pp. 654-56; Golden, pp. 36-47, 59-

Feb. 11 1789-1815 (no assignment)

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Week VI Interpreting the French Revolution

Feb. 16 Interpreting the French Revolution (Kishlansky, Chap. 20; Golden, pp.

Feb. 18 Napoleon (Dufraisse, all)

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Week VII Industrial Revolution

Feb. 23 Origins and Nature of Industrialism (Kishlansky, Chap. 21)

Feb. 25 Transformation of Labor (Wiesner, Chap. 6; Golden, pp. 115-28)

Week VIII Nineteenth Century Social Life

March 2 Urban and Rural Europe (Kishlansky, pp. 738-40, 746-53, 784-85,

March 4 MID-TERM EXAMINATION

801-804; Wiesner

SPRING BREAK MARCH 8-12

Week IX Political and Social Ideas in the Nineteenth Century

March 16 Counterrevolution and Revolution (Kishlansky, pp. 741-46, 761-66)

March 18 Political and Social Thought (Kishlansky, pp. 753-61, 766-68,

804-811; Wiesner

Week X Nineteenth Century Politics and Culture

March 23 Liberalism and Nationalism (Kishlansky, pp. 768-801)

March 25 Crisis in Western Culture (Kishlansky, Chap. 24; Wiesner, Chap. 10)

Week XI Imperialism

March 30 New Imperialism (Kishlansky, pp. 848-74; Wiesner, Chap. 9)

April 1 Easter recess

Week XII World War One

April 6 Origins and Course of World War I (Kishlansky, pp. 874-80, 884-98,

April 8 Total War (Kishlansky, pp. 882-83, 898-901; Wiesner, Chap. 11;

901-903; Derfler,  
Remarque, all)

Week XIII Aftermath of World War I

April 13 Russian Revolution (Kishlansky, pp. 906-914, 931-39; Derfler, Chaps. 3-4)

April 15 Nazi Germany (Kishlansky, pp. 939-49; Wiesner, Chap. 13, Golden, pp.

237-48; I

ESSAY ASSIGNMENT DUE APRIL 13

Week XIV World War II and Aftermath

April 20 World War II (Kishlansky, Chap. 28, Golden, pp. 249-59; Derfler, Chaps. 6-8)

April 22 Europe 1945-1968 (Kishlansky, Chap. 29; Wiesner, Chap. 14; Derfler, Chaps. 9-10)

Week XV Europe Since 1968

April 27 Europe since 1968 (Kishlansky, Chap. 30; Wiesner, Chap. 15; Derfler, Chaps. 12-13)

April 29 Review