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## 1 | Intro

### About her

- She majored in war and some history stuff
  - Decided history wasn't enough to find out why people fight and kill each-other

### Expectations

- Readings are dense, so it isn't expected that you note and know every single detail.
  - Just make sure you're noting the big themes and ideas the author is trying to communicate
- She doesn't like talking alone for long amounts of time and prefers that we unmute and shout out
  - No need to raise hands to begin with.

### Course Focus

- We will be starting with the 1500's because that is where most scholars say is where the modern world system began
  - We will start with the 4 most populous regions in the world
- We will start with Hegemony and competition in the early modern world
- Balance of power
- Ideologies and technologies
- Balance disrupted WW1 and it's aftermath
- Balance disrupted pt2 Fascism Communism, WW2 and the new international order (1920-1955)
  - This is where we will be writing the major research paper of the year
  - This is where we should be paying attention to what we are interested in.
- Bipolar times: Cold war, decolonization, and regional conflict (1955-2000)

By the end of this course we should understand what lead us to the place we are. Be critical of why stuff matters.

### Key Skills

- Use primary and secondary source evidence to craft historical arguments
  - Seeking to uncover both the general and specific causes of historical events.
  - Use and evaluate sources critically
  - This class will have us write a lot of essays
    - Be able to construct and defend arguments with explanatory power
      - Be able to explain why things happened the way they did and figure out how this helps us understand stuff.
    - Try to come up with our own theories and explanations of how the world works looking for patterns.
    - Express yourself in writing with clarity and logic

- Look at different perspectives of sources

My in Class stuff dw about it Guedlines: - Military power - Relative power of allies - Power over people of the country - Economic power - Other countries economic dependence

Machievelle stuff - Fear and love of a government are comparable when it comes to power over one's people. However, he argues that fear might be even stronger.