

## **HISTORY 309: THE REVOLUTIONARY ERA:1789-1848**

Fall Semester, 1998

Seney 322, 12:00 p.m.

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Office Hours, M., W., F., 2-4:00 p.m.

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### **I. COURSE OBJECTIVES:**

A: To understand the central events, issues, and trends which worked dominated the period sometimes referred to as "the revolutionary era."

B. To sharpen our critical writing and thinking skills. To this end, written assignments in this course will entail consideration of four important writing endeavors:

1. The Topic Paragraph
2. The Book Critique
3. The Interpretative Essay
4. The Research Driven Thesis Paper

C. To develop professional presentation skills.

### **II. COURSE READINGS**

#### **A. Primary Texts:**

There are four primary texts assigned for your reading pleasure.

- A. Doyle, William, *The Origins of the French Revolution*.
- B. Palmer, Robert, *Twelve Who Ruled*.
- C. Markham, Felix, *Napoleon*.
- D. Stearns, Peter, *The Revolutionary Tide in Europe*.

#### **B. Additional Texts:**

Excepts from relevant authors will be distributed by the instructor at appropriate times.

### **III. Grading**

This course averages three 100 point grades, each comprised of different components:

A. The first 100 point grade will be constituted of the average grade derived from the students' four book critiques.

B. The second 100 point grade will be derived from the average of the student's scores on a mid-term and final examination.

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C. The third 100 point grade will be the student's score on a major fifteen page research paper. In addition, the student's research paper will accompany a 20 minute classroom presentation in which the student's research findings will be presented to his/her classmates. If the student does a "good-faith effort" on this presentation, the student's paper grade will stand alone as the major research grade. If the instructor feels the student has not tried his/her best on the presentation, then the student's research paper grade may be lowered, at the discretion of the instructor.

#### **IV. Various Course Policies:**

A. Attendance: Students are expected to be in class at all times. 4 unexcused absences will result in a lowering of the student's grade by one full point. Attendance is recorded, and given consideration by the instructor during the tallying of final grades. The instructor reserves the right to penalize students for excessive absences, at his discretion.

B. The Honor Code: Students are, of course, expected to honor both the letter and the spirit of Oxford's Honor Code.

C. Practical application of any of the revolutionary theories and isms discussed in this course is strictly prohibited.

#### **V. Course Schedule**

The course calendar is attached. It is, of course, subject to change and adjustment, as the particular exigencies of the course unfold themselves.

# AUGUST 1998

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# SEPTEMBER 1998

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			England and America		<u>The Enlightenment</u>	
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			<u>The Enlightenment</u>		<u>French Absolutism</u>	
	6 Labor Day	7	8	9	10	11
	<u>French Absolutism</u>		<u>French Absolutism</u>		Book Critiques on Doyle due, discussed.	
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
	<u>The Old Regime in France</u>		<u>The Three Estates</u>		<u>The Fiscal Crisis</u>	
20	Rosh Hashana	21	22	23	24	25
	<u>Estates General</u>		<u>The Legislative Assembly</u>			
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			Yom Kippur			
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# OCTOBER 1998

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					<u>The Second F.R.</u>	
	<u>The Convention</u>		<u>The Convention</u>		<u>Critiques due for Palmer; Discussion.</u>	
	<u>No Class</u>		<u>The Directory; Young Bonaparte</u>		<u>Mid-Term</u>	
	Critiques due for Palmer; discussion.		<u>The Directory; Young Bonaparte</u>		<u>The Consulate</u>	
	<u>The French Imperium</u>		<u>Napoleon's Satellite States</u>		<u>Moscow and Abdications</u>	

**NOVEMBER 1998**

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY											
	<u>Classical and Romantic Music</u>		<u>Marxham Critiques Due; Discussion about Napoleon</u>		<u>The Congress of Vienna Reaction</u>												
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	<u>Romanticism</u>		<u>Conservativism</u>		<u>Capitalism and Industrialism</u>												
8	9	10	Veterans Day 11	12	13	14											
	<u>Liberalism and Socialism</u>		<u>Nationalism</u>		<u>1848</u>												
15	16	17	18	19	20	21											
	<u>Stearns Critiques Due; Discussion.</u>		<u>No Class</u>		<u>No Class</u>												
22	23	24	25	Thanksgiving 26	27	28											
	<u>Film</u>																
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# DECEMBER 1998

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY										
			<u>Presentations</u>		<u>Presentations</u>											
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	<u>Presentations</u>															
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