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Oxford College of Emory University
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History 102-08A
MWF 8:30-9:20
Seney Hall 310

History 102

History of Western Civilization II

This course examines selected topics in European political, economic, social, and cultural history from the mid-seventeenth century to the present. Emphasis is given to themes of continuity and change as Europe experienced political, scientific and industrial revolutions in the eighteenth century, revolutions, conservative reactions, reforms and imperialism in the nineteenth century and two world wars, fascism, communism and the Cold War in the twentieth century.

Required Readings:

Kishlansky, Geary & O'Brien, Civilization in the West, Vol. II, 5th ed.

Voltaire, Candide

Henrick Ibsen, "A Doll House" in Four Major Plays: Vol. I

Arthur Koestler, Darkness at Noon

Art Spiegelman, Maus: A Survivor's Tale

In addition there will be some photocopied handouts.

Grading:

Grades will be calculated as follows:

Exam I: 25%

Exam II: 25%

Class Participation and Quizzes: 20%

Final Exam: 30%

Make-up examinations for the midterms will be given only for medical reasons, and will require a physician's note. Arrangements for missed final exams must be made through the Dean's office. Students should take examination date into account when making their travel arrangements. There will be no make-ups for missed quizzes.

Students are to abide by the Oxford College Honor Code. If you are not familiar with it, please refer to the Honor Code Booklet.

Discussion Topics and Reading Assignments:

Wednesday, 15 January First Class

Part 1. Political Transformations to the Mid-Eighteenth Century

Readings: Civilization in the West - Chapter 16

Friday, 17 January Rise of the Modern State

(Monday, 20 January - Holiday)

Wednesday, 22 January Absolutism and Constitutionalism in Western Europe

Friday, 24 January Absolutism in Central and Eastern Europe

Part 2. Economy and Society, 1600-1800

Readings: Civilization in the West - Chapters 15 & 17

Monday, 27 January Demographic Changes

Wednesday, 29 January Agricultural Transformations and Proto-Industrialization

Friday, 31 January The First Global Economy

Monday, 3 February The Scientific View of the World

Part 3. The Enlightenment and Enlightened Absolutism

Readings: Civilization in the West - Chapters 18 & 19

Wednesday, 5 February Enlightenment (High and Low)

Friday, 7 February The Public and the Public Sphere

Monday, 10 February Quiz: Candide

Part 4. The French Revolution and Napoleon

Readings: Civilization in the West - Chapter 20

Wednesday, 12 February The Coming of the French Revolution

Friday, 14 February The French Revolution

Monday, 17 February Napoleon

Wednesday, 19 February First Exam

Part 5. The Long Nineteenth Century, 1815-1914

A - Reaction and Progress, 1815-1848

Readings: Civilization in the West - Chapters 21 & 22 (first few pages on Congress of Vienna and the Alliance System)

Friday, 21 February The Congress of Vienna

Monday, 24 February Industrialization in England and on the Continent

B - Revolutions and Order, 1848-1871

Readings: Civilization in the West - Chapter 22

Wednesday, 26 February Romanticism, Socialism, Liberalism, Conservatism...

Friday, 28 February 1848 Revolutions

Monday, 3 March Culture and Society in the 19th Century

Wednesday, 5 March Quiz: "A Doll House"

C - Nationalism and Imperialism, 1871-1914

Readings: Civilization in the West - Chapters 23-25

Friday, 7 March Unification of Germany

(10-14 March - Spring Break)

Monday, 17 March Unification of Italy

Wednesday, 19 March Mass Society

Friday, 21 March New Imperialism

D - World War I

Readings: Civilization in the West - Chapter 26

Monday, 24 March The System of Alliances and the Outbreak of the War

Wednesday, 26 March	Total War
Friday, 28 March	The Peace of Versailles and its Consequences

Monday, 31 March Second Exam

Part 6. The Aftermath of the Great War
Readings: Civilization in the West - Chapter 27-28

Wednesday, 2 April	Russian Revolution
Friday, 4 April	The Union of Soviet Socialist Republics
Monday, 7 April	Quiz: <u>Darkness at Noon</u>
Wednesday, 9 April	Economic Depression and Dictatorships
Friday, 11 April	The Rise of Fascism and World War II
Monday, 14 April	Quiz: <u>Maus</u>

Part 7. Post War Europe
Readings: Civilization in the West - Chapters 28-30

Wednesday, 16 April	Cold War
Friday, 18 April	Reconstruction of Europe
Monday, 28 April	Post Cold War Europe

Final Exam:
Wednesday, 7 May. 2:00-5:00 p.m.