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HTS 3038: The French Revolution

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Course Requirements

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| 1. Exam #1. | 20% |
| 2. Exam #2. | 25% |
| 3. Exam #3. | 25% |
| 4. Paper.   | 30% |

Exams

Exams are essay and short answer and are based on reading and lectures.

Paper

A seven-page essay due no later than 12/7 based on assigned reading. Possible topics are included below the weekly schedule.

Reading

William Doyle, *The Oxford History of the French Revolution*  
Georges Lefebvre, *The Coming of the French Revolution*  
Hugh Gough, *The Terror in the French Revolution*  
Philip Dwyer, ed., *Napoleon and Europe*  
Robert Darnton, *The Great Cat Massacre*  
\*Voltaire (marked with an asterisk) is on electronic reserve.

Weekly Schedule

Week 1: 8/22, 8/24, 8/26.

The Old Regime  
Doyle, ch. 1.  
Darnton, ch. 1.

Week 2: 8/29, 8/31, 9/2

Liberty and Equality  
Doyle, ch. 2.  
Darnton, chs. 2, 3, 6.  
\*François Marie Arouet (Voltaire), *Philosophical Dictionary*, selection.

Week 3: 9/7, 9/9

Fraternity  
Film: *Dangerous Liaisons*

Week 4: 9/12, 9/14, 9/16

1789  
Lefebvre, *The Coming of the French Revolution*  
Doyle, ch. 3, 4

Week 5: 9/19, 9/21, 9/23

The Revolutionary Achievement  
Doyle, ch. 5  
**Exam #1 on 9/23** (Old Regime, Enlightenment, Causes of the French Revolution)

Week 6: 9/26, 9/28, 9/30

The Constitutional Monarchy  
Doyle, chs. 6, 7  
Film: *La Nuit de Varennes* (optional, scheduled for evening of 9/28).

Week 7: 10/3, 10/5, (No class on 10/7)

The Republican Revolution  
Doyle ch. 8

Week 8: 10/10, 10/12, 10/14  
The Radical Republic  
Doyle, chs. 9, 10

Week 9: 10/19, 10/21  
Terror  
Doyle, ch. 11  
Hugh Gough, *The Terror in the French Revolution*  
**Exam #2 on 10/21** (Jacobinism, Sans-Culottism, Terror)

Week 10: 10/24, 10/26, 10/28  
Film: *Danton*

Week 11: 10/31, 11/2, 11/4  
Thermidor and the Directory  
Doyle, chs. 12-15

Week 12: 11/7, 11/9, 11/11  
Napoleon and France  
Doyle, ch. 16  
Dwyer, introduction, chs. 1-4  
Film: *Napoleon*

Week 13: 11/14, 11/16, 11/18  
Napoleon and Europe  
Dwyer, chs. 5-6, 8-11

Week 14: 11/21, 11/23  
The Fall of Napoleon  
Dwyer, chs. 7, 10-13.  
**Exam #3 on 11/23** (Counterrevolution, Napoleon, the Empire)

Week 15: 11/28, 11/30, 12/2  
Film: *Napoleon*

Week 16. 12/5, 12/7, 12/9 (No class on 12/9)  
The Legacy of the Revolution  
Doyle, ch. 17  
**Papers due on 12/7.**

Some paper topics  
Rousseau and the French Revolution (Darnton)  
Fraternity and Love in *Dangerous Liaisons* (Laclos)  
The Bourgeoisie and the French Revolution (Lefebvre)  
Origins of the Terror (Gough)  
Napoleon, Man of the Revolution? (Dwyer)

**Note: Students are expected to abide by the Georgia Tech Honor Code.**