

Pirates&Smugglers
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<u>Date</u>	<u>Session</u>	<u>Topics</u>	<u>Readings</u>
08/20	I	Introduction	
08/27	II	The World, 1200-1700 The Rise of Trading Empires	Chap 1: 1-65 Web: 1A
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09/10	IV	The Spanish Main I	Chap 3: 107-53
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10/03		<u>Midterm</u>	
10/08	VII	The Social History of Pirates	
10/15	VIII	Anglo-American Smuggling	
10/22	IX	The "End" of Smuggling	Web: 6F
10/29	X	Globalization in the 20 th Century	
11/05	XI	20 th Century Smuggling & Piracy	Chap. 6: 449-73 Web 6G
11/12	XII	20 th Century Smuggling& Piracy	Web 6H
11/19	XIII	Summary & Review	

Readings:

Diane & Thomas O'Brien. The Making of the Modern World, 1450 to the Present. Second Edition Pearson, 2007.

The textbook is available at Barnes & Noble on campus, the College Store and online at: <http://store.pearsoned.com/houston/worldciv>.

For information on additional reading assignments see Reading Assignments below.

Accessing the Course Website: The Website for the course can be found on <http://www.coursecompass.com>. The courseid is o'brien03841. That id and the access code in the front of the textbook will give you access to the site. The Website includes a separate set of readings from those in the textbook. It will also be the site where students access two essay questions to be answered and turned in with the midterm and two essays with the final exam. 48 hours before each exam, two questions will appear on the site. The first will be based on one of the assigned readings in the textbook. You must prepare a 1,000 word typed response to the first question. The second will be based on one of the assigned readings from the website. You must prepare a 1,000 word typed response to the second question. You must submit both typed answers at the time of each exam. *Because of the limited time you have to write your answers it is essential to have read all of the assigned textbook and web readings before the essay questions appear on the site.* The university's academic honesty policies involving cheating on all grading instruments including the web questions will be strictly enforced. That means specifically that you must write the answer to each essay without anyone's assistance.

Reading Assignments: Reading assignments which are listed on the right hand side of the syllabus are of two types. Assignments from the textbook list a chapter number and then the specific page numbers for which you are responsible. The second type of assignment cites readings that are on the website such as Web: 6F. You must read the entire section with that designation.

Examinations & Review Sessions:

First Review Session: Saturday, March 3 at 10:00 a.m.; Midterm Exam: Saturday, March 10 at 10:00 a.m.; Second Review Session: Saturday, April 28 at 10 a.m.; Final Exam: Saturday May 5 at 10 a.m. The first exam will cover sessions I through VII. The second exam will cover sessions VIII through XIII. Each exam is 75 minutes in length. Makeups are available only to students with documentable medical or personal emergencies. Business commitments, vacations etc. do not qualify you for a makeup exam. Both examinations are essay exams. Each exam consists of two questions. You must answer one of the two questions. *The answer to the question you choose must demonstrate a knowledge of the lectures and readings in the textbook.* Exams which do not demonstrate a knowledge of the readings will be

reduced by a full letter grade. Do not bring books or papers to the exams, you will be provided with blue books at the exam. The exams account for 80% of your grade. Homework Essays The other 20% of your grade is based on the four essays you will write in answer to the questions on the website.

Study Questions

What follows are a series of sample questions that will help you to focus on key points for the mid term and the final. *They are not necessarily the questions that will appear on the exams! Nor do the questions limit the scope of the material to be covered in the exam. For example, the cases specified in the sample questions may not be the cases that are used in the actual exam questions.*

Mid Term

1. Compare and Contrast the pirate activities of the Barbarossas with those of privateers such as Henry Morgan in the early days of the Spanish Main. Your essay should discuss motives for pirate activities, factors that facilitated their operations as well as the economic and political effects of their activities.
2. Write an essay discussing changes in global politics and economics and how those changes contributed to the explosion of smuggling and piracy between 1500 and 1800.
3. Write an essay discussing the major trading empires including Ottoman, Portuguese, Spanish and Dutch. Your essay should consider the forces that brought these empires into existence, the policies that guided them and the connection of those policies to piracy and smuggling.
4. Write an essay discussing the key characteristics of pirate societies. Your essay must include examples from the West and Asia.

Final

1. Analyze the factors that contributed to the flourishing of smuggling in England before 1846 and in Colonial America as well as the influence of smuggling on the American Revolution.
2. Discuss global developments between 1929 and 2000 that contributed to the resurgence of smuggling and piracy in the second half of the twentieth century.
3. Discuss Prohibition, and American policies on controlled substances (1898 to 2003) in terms of the factors that led to the adoption of these policies, what the policies actually were, and why and how these policies contributed to widespread smuggling by "amateur" and later criminal organizations. Be sure that your answer is supported with specific factual information.
4. Discuss the principal forms of modern (twentieth century) piracy and smuggling, their effects, and the responses of corporations and nation states to these phenomena.