

History 2353 Western Civilization Since 1450 Spring 2007

"History is Bunk."-Henry Ford

"Now, what I want is Facts. Teach these boys and girls nothing but Facts."-Charles Dickens

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The following texts are required. The main text is available at the bookstore, all others can be purchased from a variety of sources.

M. King, *Western Civilization: A Social And Cultural History v.2 Since 1500*

Tadeusz Borowski, *This Way for the Gas, Ladies and Gentlemen*

Joseph Conrad, *Heart of Darkness*

Robert Graves, *Goodbye to All That*

Voltaire, *Candide*

There will be two mid-term examinations, a final and a 5-7-page essay. Grades will be determined by the following formula--Midterms 20% each, Essay 25%, Final 35%.

From January 19th classroom materials (daily outlines, Power Points, tests, etc.) will be available on WEBCT <http://www.uh.edu/webct/>

Essay Due in class April 27th

Final Exam is May 4th 11am-2pm

Class Rules and Etiquette

- 1) Turn off cell phones and pagers.
- 2) Arrive on time! If you are late, take a seat in the back as quickly as possible.
- 3) No eating, reading, conversations and of course no sleeping
- 4) Contact the professor or TA if any problems arise as soon as possible.
- 5) No make-up exams without a valid excuse
- 6) Late papers are penalized by deductions from the grade.

PLAGIARISM IS SUFFICIENT REASON TO RECEIVE AN F ON ANY PAPER.

"Falsely presenting someone else's work as one's own" constitutes plagiarism and violates the University's Academic Honesty Policy. The maximum penalty: permanent suspension. (*UH Student Handbook*, 2003-4, p. 10-11).

Schedule of Lectures and Readings

Week 1 January 17-19th Europe in 1500

Reading: King 514-540

Week 2 January 22nd-26th The Reformation and Absolutism

Reading: King 418-479, Chapter 14 (online at WEBCT)

Week 3 January 29th-February 2nd The Scientific Revolution and the Enlightenment
Reading: King, 484-510; Voltaire (entire book)

Week 4 February 5^h-9^h The French Revolution and its Aftermath
Reading: King 544-607
No class on February 9ⁿ

Week 5 February 12^b-16^h The Industrial Revolution
Reading: King 612-662
1st Exam February 16ⁿ

Week 6 February 19^b-23^d Revolution and Reaction in Europe 1815-1848.
Reading: King 666-673

Week 7 February 26th-March 2nd Nationalism and The New Europe.
Reading: King 673-686

Week 8 March 5^h-9^h The Birth of Mass Society.
Reading: King 690-716, Conrad, *Heart of Darkness*

March 12th-16^h Spring Break

Week 9 March 19^h-23^d Culture and Art in the Late Nineteenth Century: The Birth of the Modern.
Reading: King; 720-741, Graves Chapters 1-9

Week 10 March 26th-30th World War I
Reading: King, 746-768; Graves Chapters 10-26
2nd Exam March 30^h

Week 11 April 2nd-6th The Russian Revolution
Reading: King 799-804

Week 12 April 9th-13^h The Inter-War Years
Reading: King 772-794; 832-836

Week 13 April 16^h-20th The Rise of Fascism
Reading: King 807-811

Week 14 April 23rd-27^h World War II and the Cold War
Reading: King 814-828, 832-836; Borowski (entire book)

Week 15 April 30^h Post-War Europe
King 868-896