

Syllabus

Cultures and Civilizations of the Post-Classical World

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This class will apply critical thought to the concepts and historical records of cultures and civilizations. Different strands of Christianity, Islam, Vedic theism, Confucianism, and Buddhism, as well as identities associated with ethnicity and socio-economic groups will be addressed in context. The object is to provide students with tools to act and communicate meaningfully in an interdependent world community.

Requirements

- 40% - Exams
- 35% - Research Papers
- 10% - Participation
- 15% - Notebooks

Absences

1) All school rules apply: Following an excused absence, students will be allowed an equal number of days to make up assignments as the number of days of school missed. Students are expected to take any missed tests within two school days after their return to school. If a student fails to do this, the student's grade will begin from 69% if and when they decide to make it up.

Students will not be allowed to make up tests and quizzes occurring during a period of an unexcused absence or tardiness. In special cases... students are expected to notify the administration in writing at least one week prior to their absence as well as have a "Permission for Excused Absence" sheet signed by all their teachers and returned to the office. Failure to make specific arrangements with teachers in advance of such an absence will result in NC's for assignments due and tests given during the absence.

2) It is *your responsibility* to find out about the assignments you missed from another student, or on Ed-line. Do not ask me first; ask me last. Do not call me at home to ask me. If you must ask me, find me during lunch, my free periods, before or after school and make an appointment to make up an essay or in-class assignment. Make sure you see me write it down.

Classroom Expectations

1. Be on time. This is an issue that bothers not only me but other students as well. You can be late to my class once without penalty. After that, I will take points off your participation grade every time you are late.
2. Come to class prepared. Active and thoughtful participation is required. Enter the room ready to discuss the readings, listen, and learn from each other. This entails bringing paper, pen or pencil, and the book or handout we are discussing at the time. If you are not prepared, you will lose participation points as described above. If you forget your pencil, you can purchase one from me.
3. Electronics used improperly (for anything other than class related activities) will be confiscated

for the day. If it happens more than once, the student will not be able to use it in class any longer.

4. Do not interrupt anyone. Mutual respect is a necessity if a class based around class discussion is to succeed.

For Quarter 1 the following books are required:

Bible
Confessions
Ways of the World
Bhagavad-Gita

Unit 1: *Bhagavad-Gita*

Day 1-20: *Bhagavad-Gita*

Unit 2: St. Augustine and the Early Christian Church

Day 21: St. Augustine (Book 1 (pp. 3-10))
Day 22: St. Augustine (Book 1 (pp. 10-18))
Day 23: St. Augustine (Book 1 (pp. 18-23))
Day 24: St. Augustine (Book 2 (pp. 24-29))
Day 25: St. Augustine (Book 2 (pp. 29-34))
Day 26: St. Augustine (Book 3 (pp. 35-41))
Day 27: St. Augustine (Book 3 (pp. 42-51))
Day 28: **Quiz**
Day 29: St. Augustine (Book 4 (pp. 52-57))
Day 30: St. Augustine (Book 4 (pp. 57-64))
Day 31: St. Augustine (Book 4 (pp. 64-71))
Day 32: St. Augustine (Book 5 (pp. 72-79))
Day 33: St. Augustine (Book 5 (pp. 79-89))
Day 34: St. Augustine (Book 6 (pp. 90-99))
Day 35: St. Augustine (Book 6 (pp. 100-110))
Day 36: St. Augustine (Book 7 (pp. 111-123))
Day 37: St. Augustine (Book 7 (pp. 123-132))
Day 38: **Quiz**
Day 39: St. Augustine (Book 9 (pp. 155-167))
Day 40: St. Augustine (Book 9 (pp. 167-178))
Day 41: St. Augustine (Book 10 (pp. 179-190))
Day 42: St. Augustine (Book 10 (pp. 190-204))
Day 43: St. Augustine (Book 10 (pp. 204-220))
Day 44: St. Augustine (Book 11 (pp. 221-231))
Day 45: St. Augustine (Book 11 (pp. 231-245))
Day 46: St. Augustine (Book 12 (pp. 246-258))
Day 47: St. Augustine (Book 12 (pp. 258-272))
Day 48: St. Augustine (Book 13 (pp. 273-287))
Day 49: St. Augustine (Book 13 (pp. 287-305))
Day 50: Review
Day 51: Unit Exam

For Quarter 2 the following books are required:

Monkey
Ways of the World

Unit 3: An Age of Accelerating Connections

Day 52: Introduction (324-331)
Day 53: Chapter 8: Commerce and Culture (Introduction and “Silk Roads: Exchange Across Eurasia” (333-341))

Day 54: Sea Roads: Exchange across the Indian Ocean (341-348)
Day 55: “Sand Roads: Exchange across the Sahara” and “Reflections: Economic Globalization – Ancient and Modern (348-355)
Day 56: DOCUMENTS: Introduction, 8.1, 8.2, 8.3, 8.4
Day 57: VISUAL SOURCES: Intro., 8.1, 8.2, 8.3, 8.4, 8.5
Day 58: Review
Day 59: Unit Exam

Unit 4: China and the World

Day 60: “East Asian Connections” and “Reemergence of a Unified China” (379-385)
Day 61: Monkey (Chapter 1)
Day 62: “China and the Northern Nomads: A Chinese World Order in the Making”(385-390)
Day 63: Monkey (Chapter 2)
Day 64: “Coping with China: Comparing Korea, Vietnam, and Japan” (390-397)
Day 65: Monkey (Chapter 3)
Day 63: “China and the Eurasian World Economy” and “China and Buddhism” (397-403)
Day 64: Monkey (Chapter 4)
Day 65: “Reflections: Why Do Things Change?” (403-405)
Day 66: **Quiz** and Monkey (Chapter 5)
Day 67: Monkey (Chapter 6,7)
Day 68: Monkey (Chapter 8,9)
Day 69: Monkey (Chapter 10,11)
Day 70: Monkey (Chapter 12,13)
Day 71: Monkey (Chapter 14,15)
Day 72: Monkey (Chapter 16,17)
Day 73: Monkey (Chapter 18,19)
Day 74: Monkey (Chapter 20,21)
Day 75: Monkey (Chapter 22,23)
Day 76: Review
Day 77: Exam
Days 78-82: Review for the Final

Required Books for Quarter 3

Ways of the World
Quran
The Conference of the Birds

Unit 4: The Worlds of European Christendom

Day 1: Introduction and Eastern Christendom: Building on the Roman Past (425-434)
Day 2: Western Christendom: Rebuilding in the Wake of Roman Collapse (434-445)
Day 3: The West in Comparative Perspective and Reflections (445-454)
Day 4: Review
Day 5: **Quiz**

Unit 5: The Worlds of Islam

Day 6: Afro-Eurasian Connections Introduction and “The Birth of a New Religion” (473-480)
Day 7: The Making of an Arab Empire (480-488)
Day 8: Islam and Cultural Encounter: A Four-Way Comparison (488-495)
Day 9: The World of Islam as a New Civilization and “Reflections: Past and Present: Choosing

Our History (495-501)

- Day 10: Themes from *Quran*
- Day 11: Themes from *Quran*
- Day 12: *The Conference of the Birds* (1-21)
- Day 13: *The Conference of the Birds* (21-42)
- Day 14: *The Conference of the Birds* (42-63)
- Day 15: *The Conference of the Birds* (63-84)
- Day 16: *The Conference of the Birds* (84-105)
- Day 17: *The Conference of the Birds* (105-126)
- Day 18: *The Conference of the Birds* (126-147)
- Day 19: *The Conference of the Birds* (147-168)
- Day 20: *The Conference of the Birds* (168-189)
- Day 21: *The Conference of the Birds* (189-210)
- Day 22: *The Conference of the Birds* (210-END)
- Day 23: Review
- Day 24: Unit Exam

Unit 6: Pastoral Peoples on the Global Stage: The Mongol Moment

- Day 23: Introduction and “Breakout: The Mongol Empire” (521-536)
- Day 24: Encountering the Mongols: Comparing Three Cases (536-541)
- Day 25: The Mongol Empire as a Eurasian Network (541-547)
- Day 26: Reflections: Changing Images of Nomadic Peoples (547-549)
- Day 27: DOCUMENTS: (Introduction, 12.1, 12.2)
- Day 28: DOCUMENTS: (12.3, 12.4, 12.5)
- Day 29: VISUAL SOURCES: (Introduction, 12.1, 12.2)
- Day 30: VISUAL SOURCES: (12.3, 12.4)
- Day 31: Review
- Day 32: Unit Exam

Unit 7: The Worlds of the Fifteenth Century

- Day 33: Introduction and “The Shapes of Human Communities” (569-575)
- Day 34: Civilizations of the Fifteenth Century: Comparing China and Europe (575-584)
- Day 35: Civilizations of the Fifteenth Century: The Islamic World (584-588)
- Day 36: Civilizations of the Fifteenth Century: The Americas (588-594)
- Day 37: Webs of Connection, A Preview of Coming Attractions: Looking Ahead to the Modern Era, Reflections: What if? Chance and Contingency in World History (594-600)
- Day 38: DOCUMENTS: (Intro., 13.1, 13.2)
- Day 39: VISUAL SOURCES: (Intro., 13.1, 13.2)
- Day 40: VISUAL SOURCES: (13.3, 13.4)

Required Books for Quarter Four:

- Three Treatises*
- The Emperor*
- Ways of the World*
- The Great Mortality*

Part 4: The Early Modern World

Unit 8: Empires and Encounters

- Day 41: “The Big Picture” and Introduction to Chapter 14 (618-626)
- Day 42: European Empires in the Americas (626-631)

Day 43: Comparing Colonial Societies in the Americas (631-639)
Day 44: The Steppes and Siberia: The Making of a Russian Empire (639-643)
Day 45: Asian Empires (643-651)
Day 46: DOCUMENTS
Day 47: VISUAL SOURCES
Day 48: *The Emperor*
Day 49: *The Emperor*
Day 50: *The Emperor*
Day 51: *The Emperor*
Day 52: *The Emperor*
Day 53: *The Emperor*
Day 54: *The Emperor*
Day 55: *The Emperor*
Day 56: *The Emperor*
Day 57: Review
Day 58: Unit Exam

Unit 9: Global Commerce

Day 59: Introduction and “Europeans and Asian Commerce” (674-682)
Day 60: Silver and Global Commerce (682-685)
Day 61: The “World Hunt”: Fur in Global Commerce (685-689)
Day 62: Commerce in People: The Atlantic Slave Trade (689-697)
Day 63: Reflections: Economic Globalization – Then and Now (697-699)
Day 64: DOCUMENTS
Day 65: VISUAL SOURCES
Day 66: Review
Day 67: Unit Exam

Unit 10: Religion and Science

Day 68: *The Great Mortality*
Day 69: *The Great Mortality*
Day 70: Introduction and “The Globalization of Christianity” (721-732)
Day 71: Persistence and Change in Afro-Asian Cultural Traditions (732-737)
Day 72: A New Way of Thinking: The Birth of Modern Science (737-742)
Day 73: “A New Way of Thinking: The Birth of Modern Science” and “Reflections” (742-748)
Day 74: DOCUMENTS: (Intro., 16.1)
Day 75: *Three Treatises*
Day 76: *Three Treatises*
Day 77: *Three Treatises*
Day 78: *Three Treatises*
Day 79: *Three Treatises*
Day 80: *Three Treatises*
Day 81: *Three Treatises*
Day 82: *Three Treatises*
Day 83: *Three Treatises*
Day 84: *Three Treatises*
Day 85: Review
Day 86: Unit Exam
Day 87: Review for Final
Day 88: Review for Final

Day 89: Review for Final