

History 1500G
ROOTS OF THE MODERN WORLD:
SOCIETY AND RELIGION

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REQUIRED TEXTS

Duiker, William J., and Jackson J. Spielvogel. *World History, Volume I: To 1800*. 5th Edition. Minneapolis/St. Paul: West Publishing Company, 2007. (DS)

Hopfe, Lewis M., and Woodward, Mark R. *Religions of the World*. 10th Edition. Upper Saddle River, NJ: Pearson, 2007. (HW)

Other readings may be assigned as the semester progresses; if so, they will be placed on reserve at Booth Library, distributed electronically, or handed out in class. I reserve the right to change assignments if necessary. Don't worry: I will give you notice of any such changes.

WEEKLY ASSIGNMENTS AND TENTATIVE LECTURE TOPICS

Date	Topic	Due
Week One Monday, January 7	Introduction: What is History? What is Society? What is Religion?	
Wednesday, January 9	Revealed vs. Developed Religion	
Week Two Monday, January 14	Religions of the Indian Subcontinent: Hinduism	HW: 70-76 DS: 42-49
Wednesday, January 16	Hinduism	HW: 76-88 DS: 49-52
Week Three Monday, January 21	NO CLASS MEETING MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY	
Wednesday, January 23	Hinduism	HW: 88-96
Week Four Monday, January 28	How to Interact with Primary Sources	
Wednesday, January 30	Buddhism: Who was the Buddha?	HW: 123-129 DS: 52-56

Week Five Monday, February 4	Buddhism Developed	HW: 129-134 DS: 244-246
Wednesday, February 6	Confucianism: a Religion?	HW: 164-169, 178-185 DS: 270-286
Week Six Monday, February 11	Daoism	HW: 169-174 DS: 287-291
Wednesday, February 13	Japan	HW: 197-204 DS: 299-314
Week Seven Monday, February 18	Buddhism in Japan and China	HW: 134-138
Wednesday, February 20	First Hour Examination	No Quiz
Week Eight Monday, February 25	The Religions of the Book: Judaism	HW: 233-242
Wednesday, February 27	Judaism	HW: 242-250
Week Nine Monday, March 4	Early Christianity	HW: 270-287 DS: 150-154 Paper Due
Wednesday, March 6	The Medieval Mind	DS: 341-343
Week Ten Monday, March 11	SPRING BREAK	
Wednesday, March 13	SPRING BREAK	
Week Eleven Monday, March 18	The Medieval Papacy and the Crown	HW: 287-293 DS: 324-340
Wednesday, March 20	The Crusades	DS: 343-345
Week Twelve Monday, March 25	The Protestant Reformation	HW: 293-297 DS: 351-355, 392-399
Wednesday, March 27	The English Reformation	HW: 297-298
Week Thirteen Monday, April 1	The Catholic Reformation	HW: 298-300 DS: 399-402

Wednesday, April 3	Second Hour Examination	
Week Fourteen Monday, April 8	The Origins and Tenets of Islam	HW: 320-336 DS: 187-191
Wednesday, April 10	Islam Expands and Splits	HW: 336-342
Week Fifteen Monday, April 15	Islam, Christianity, and Judaism in Spain	DS: 197-206
Wednesday, April 17	Islamic Empires	DS: 191-197, 247-254, 419-445
Week Sixteen Monday, April 22	Suleiman the Magnificent	
Wednesday, April 24	Society and Religion: a summation	No Quiz

QUIZZES

There will be a short-answer ID quiz given at the beginning of each Wednesday class, beginning on January 16, with exceptions noted in the timetable. It will cover material assigned and lectures to date. Yes, that means each quiz has the potential to be cumulative, covering all material since the beginning of the semester. The ID quizzes will provide the ID material for examinations.

If you miss a quiz due to an authorized absence, you can make it up. If your absence is unauthorized, you will not be allowed to make it up.

EXAMINATIONS

The hour examinations will have one or two essay questions and no fewer than four short-answer (one paragraph) identification questions (these ID questions will be taken from the weekly quizzes).

The Final Examination will be somewhat longer than the hour examinations. It will have at least one question based on assignments, discussions, and lectures of the entire semester, and at least one question based on the work assigned since the second hour examination. It will also include identification questions taken from the quizzes.

Identification answers on the exams are to be longer and more detailed than on the quizzes.

PAPER

There will be one short paper based on primary sources, due on Monday, March 4; it is to be turned in electronically and in hard copy. You will have the chance to revise it for a higher grade if you so choose. All papers submitted for this class will be submitted for review to *Turnitin.com* and will become a searchable document within the *Turnitin*-protected and restricted database

OFFICE HOURS

My office hours are 10-12 and 1-2 Monday through Thursday, and by arrangement at other times. You are welcome to come by. I am also available for consultation by email. Please do not assume that you cannot meet with me if my office hours are inconvenient; we can find a time to meet.

HOW TO REACH ME

Email is the best way to get in touch with me when I am not on campus. While I do have voicemail, I do not check it very often.

GRADES

Grades for this course are determined as follows:

Final Exam	30%	A=	90-100
Hour Exam 1	20%	B=	80-89
Hour Exam 2	20%	C=	70-79
Paper	15%	D=	60-69
Quizzes	10%	F=	0-59
Class Participation	5%		
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	100%		

CLASS PARTICIPATION

I recognize that some of you are most at home in classes where you can remain shy, mute, and stuck invisibly behind someone larger than you are. Don't worry; participating in class discussion is fairly easy if you have done the reading beforehand, especially if you have thought about what you have read. You should be prepared to discuss all the readings for the week. If you participate in class (ask questions, answer questions, raise interesting points, nod sagely at silly statements I make, tell a really good joke, *et cetera*) it will help your final grade.

ATTENDANCE

Attendance is not absolutely required, but is strongly encouraged. I take attendance every day. I am not going to "deduct points" for non-attendance, but you will not serve your cause by being absent. Remember that a portion of your grade is determined by class participation; attendance is an integral part of that.

LATE WORK

A word of warning: I do not accept late work without prior arrangement. If you are having trouble with an assignment, talk to me *before* it is due. Do not just assume that I will not give you an extension.

READING FOR LECTURES

You will note that the reading for each class is given. I *strongly* advise you to get that reading done before class begins. The lectures will be more understandable, the discussions more pleasant, and the instructor more jovial if you do. Please attend all lectures and take detailed notes. They and the readings will be your essential source of information for the exams.

MISCELLANY

If you have a question, ask it. Questions are "stupid" only if they remain unasked.

DISCLAIMER

I reserve the right to change any assignment or requirement listed on this syllabus if I deem it necessary. I will give you notice of any such changes.