

## WESTERN SOCIETY SINCE 1500

Department of History, University of Georgia  
Fall 2006

HIST 2302  
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LeConte 221  
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### Course Syllabus

Please note: the course syllabus is a general plan for the course; deviations announced to the class by the instructor may be necessary.

#### REQUIRED TEXTS

Thomas Noble, et al., *Western Civilization: The Continuing Experiment*, vol. 2, 4<sup>th</sup> ed. (Houghton Mifflin)  
Olaudah Equiano, *The Interesting Narrative and Other Writings* (Penguin)  
Sigmund Freud, *Civilization and Its Discontents* (Norton)

#### COURSE REQUIREMENTS

First paper (8-10 pages)	20%
Second paper (8-10 pages)	20%
Midterm examination	20%
Final examination	20%
Class participation	20%

#### ATTENDANCE POLICY

Two excused absences are permitted over the course of the semester. Each additional absence will result in a reduction of the final grade for the semester by one grade (i.e. from B+ to B, etc.). It is the student's responsibility to explain any absence to the professor.

#### WEEK ONE

Thursday 17 August: Course Introduction.

#### WEEK TWO

The Old Regime, Absolutism and Civil War

Tuesday 22 August: Thomas Noble, et al., *Western Civilization*, 539-69.

Thursday 24 August: Olaudah Equiano, *The Interesting Narrative and Other Writings*, 31-112.

### WEEK THREE

#### The Scientific Revolution

Tuesday 29 August: Noble, et al., *Western Civilization*, 573-99.

Thursday 31 August: Equiano, *The Interesting Narrative*, 113-93.

### WEEK FOUR

#### The Age of Enlightenment

Tuesday 5 September: Noble, et al., *Western Civilization*, 603-40.

Thursday 7 September: Equiano, *The Interesting Narrative*, 194-236.

### WEEK FIVE

#### The French Revolution

Tuesday 12 September: Noble, et al., *Western Civilization*, 643-75.

Thursday 14 September: Sieyès, *What Is the Third Estate?*; Decree Abolishing the Feudal System; Declaration of the Rights of Man and the Citizen.

### WEEK SIX

#### Industrial Revolution

Tuesday 19 September: Noble, et al., *Western Civilization*, 677-705.

Thursday 21 September: Adam Smith, *Wealth of Nations*; Friedrich Engels, *Condition of the Working Class in England*. **FIRST PAPER DUE.**

### WEEK SEVEN

#### Restoration, Reaction and the Revolutions of 1848

Tuesday 26 September: Noble, et al., *Western Civilization*, 707-39.

Thursday 28 September: Karl Marx and Friedrich Engels, *Manifesto of the Communist Party*.

### WEEK EIGHT

#### Origins and Expansion of the Nation

Tuesday 3 October: **MIDTERM EXAMINATION.**

Thursday 5 October: Noble, et al., *Western Civilization*, 741-73.

### WEEK NINE

#### Social and Industrial Change

Tuesday 10 October: Noble, et al., *Western Civilization*, 775-90.

Thursday 12 October: Noble, et al., *Western Civilization*, 790-807.

### WEEK TEN

#### The New Imperialism

Tuesday 17 October: Noble, et al., *Western Civilization*, 809-821.

Thursday 19 October: Rudyard Kipling, "The White Man's Burden"; Earl of Cromer, *Modern Egypt*.

### WEEK ELEVEN

#### Social Anxieties and Political Crisis

Tuesday 24 October: Noble, et al., *Western Civilization*, 821-39.

Thursday 26 October: Fall Break. Class cancelled.

#### WEEK TWELVE

##### World War I and Bolshevik Revolution

Tuesday 31 October: Noble, et al., *Western Civilization*, 843-77.

Thursday 2 November: Sigmund Freud, *Civilization and Its Discontents*, 10-52.

#### WEEK THIRTEEN

##### Postwar Malaise and the Eclipse of Liberalism

Tuesday 7 November: Noble, et al., *Western Civilization*, 879-909.

Thursday 9 November: Freud, *Civilization and Its Discontents*, 53-112.

#### WEEK FOURTEEN

##### Fascism and Totalitarianism

Tuesday 14 November: Noble, et al., *Western Civilization*, 913-45.

Thursday 16 November: Film: *Triumph of the Will*.

#### WEEK FIFTEEN

##### World War II and Genocide

Tuesday 21 November: Noble, et al., *Western Civilization*, 947-83.

Thursday 23 November: Thanksgiving Break. Class cancelled.

#### WEEK SIXTEEN

##### Cold War and Decolonization

Tuesday 28 November: Noble, et al., *Western Civilization*, 985-999.

Thursday 30 November: Noble, et al., *Western Civilization*, 999-1,021. **FINAL PAPER DUE.**

#### WEEK SEVENTEEN

##### 1989 and Beyond

Tuesday 5 December: Noble, et al., *Western Civilization*, 1,023-66.

#### EXAM WEEK

Tuesday 12 December, 7:00-10:00 PM: **FINAL EXAM.**

**N.B. All academic work must meet the standards contained in “A Culture of Honesty.” Each student is responsible to inform themselves about those standards before performing any academic work.**