

# **World Civilizations since 1500**

Spring 2010: UGC 112 Recitation

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**Required Text:** McKay, J. P., B. D. Hill, J. Buckler, and P. B. Ebrey. 2007. *A History of World Societies, Volume II: since 1500*. (7th ed.) Boston: Houghton Mifflin.

## **World Civilizations Recitation:**

This course provides you with an opportunity to familiarize yourself with basic concepts in world history and the humanities. Our recitations will include discussions, debates, and reviews except for the weeks indicated in the attached schedule. Recitations will be primarily used to solidify your understanding of the course material and your ability to think (and write) critically about historical questions. Handouts which expand and compliment each lecture's assigned readings will occasionally be provided.

## **Attendance and Participation:**

Students are required to attend each recitation meeting and are expected to arrive on time.

**Failure to attend class will negatively impact your grade.** Students are also expected to have completed all of the required readings and assignments before each recitation class. You must let your recitation instructor know if you will be absent.

## **Please keep in mind the following two classroom rules:**

1. Cheating of any sort is grounds for an immediate failing grade in the course as well as disciplinary actions in accordance with university policies. This is strictly enforced.
2. Using your cell phone during class - **including text messaging** - is absolutely forbidden. You will be asked to leave the class (perhaps permanently).

## **Quizzes:**

Ten quizzes will be assigned over the course of the semester. Each quiz will be posted on UBLearn and must be taken online. Students will have no more than one week to complete each quiz. Quizzes will cover topics discussed in the lectures, the readings, and our recitations.

If a student misses a quiz, a grade of "0%" will be assigned for that quiz. There will be **no** makeup quizzes for unexcused absences.

## **Recitation Grades:**

A student's recitation grade constitutes 20% of the final grade for the course. The breakdown of this percentage is as follows:

Attendance and participation: 10%

Quizzes: 10%

## Recitation Weekly Schedule

This schedule is subject to change

Date	Readings and Assignments
Week 1 Jan 12	Introduction: the Where and When and Why of World Civilization
Week 2 Jan 19	A New World: Renaissance and Colonization
Week 3 Jan 26	A New Order: the Rise of the Nation State
Week 4 Feb 2	A New Idea: Science and the Enlightenment
Week 5 Feb 9	And an Old Horror: Colonialism and Slavery <b>REVIEW FOR EXAM 1</b>
Week 6 Feb 16	The Bridge Between Worlds: Turkey and Persia
Week 7 Feb 23	The World's Center: China and India
Week 8 Mar 2	<b>ESSAY EXAM 1</b>
Week 9 Mar 16	A New Labor: the Industrial Revolution
Week 10 Mar 23	A New Political Economy: Capitalism, Nationalism, Socialism
Week 11 Mar 30	A New Science: Science and Society in Europe <b>REVIEW FOR EXAM 3</b>
Week 12 Apr 6	Power and Greed: The West's Growing Empire
Week 13 Apr 13	Speaking Truth to Power: Latin America and its Revolutions
Week 14 Apr 20	<b>ESSAY EXAM 2</b>