

WORLD HISTORY To 1500  
History 103

Instructor: Earl Davis

Course description: History 103 is an introduction to the history of the world from the beginning of the ancient period to the eve of the modern era. Course activities provide opportunities to learn some history, to learn how to learn more about history, to think critically about history, and to develop the learning skills of reading, writing, speaking, and listening.

Required books:

Text: Duiker & Spielvogel, *The Essential World History*, Vol. I

Readings: Boethius, *The Consolation of Philosophy*  
Hagen, *Buddhism Plain and Simple*  
Confucius, *The Analects*

Course requirements: A mid-term exam and final exam on lectures and text assignments, writing assignments and discussion related to the readings, class participation, and map tests.

Final grade computation: Mid-term exam, 30 percent; the final exam, 30 percent; the readings, 20 percent; class participation, 20 percent. The map tests will raise or lower the final grade.

Mid-term exam and final exam: These will consist of essay questions and terms for identification.

Attendance: The final course grade will be lowered by two points for each unexcused absence, late arrival, and early departure. Excuses must include documentation from the Dean.

Makeup tests: These will be more difficult than the regular tests.

Late assignments: These will suffer a ten-point penalty for each class day late. No excuses.

Student participation: Student questions and participation in class discussions are encouraged and will have a positive effect on grades. No eating, drinking, smoking, chewing, yexing, and so forth, in class.

The Department of History has unanimously adopted the following policy: "The Honor Code of the College of specifically forbids cheating, attempted cheating, and plagiarism. A student found guilty of these offenses will receive a failing grade in the course. Additional penalties may include suspension or expulsion from the College at the discretion of the Honor Board. See the *College of Charleston Student Handbook* for definitions of these terms." World History To 1500

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## **Schedule**

Mid-term exam: F 18 July

Writing Assignment: M 28 July

Discussion: T 5 August

Final exam: W 6 August

## **Lecture Topics/Text**

Prehistory/Chap. 1

Early Civilization in Mesopotamia/Chap. 1

Egypt/Chap. 1

Syria –Palestine/Chap. 1

Africa/Chap. 8

India/Chap. 2

China/Chap. 3

The Americas/Chap. 6

Ancient Greece/Chap. 4

The Hellenistic Age/Chap. 4

Ancient Rome/Chap. 5

Europe in the Early Middle Ages/Chaps. 7, 12

Europe in the High Middle Ages/Chap. 12

The Rise of the European Nation-States/Chap. 12

The Renaissance/Chap. 12

India in the Middle Ages/Chap. 2

China in the Middle Ages/Chaps. 9, 10

Japan in the Middle Ages/Chap. 11

Africa in the Middle Ages/Chap. 8

The Americas in the Middle Ages/Chap. 6

The Mongols/Chap. 10