# HISTORY OF CIVILIZATION FROM 1715

History 102 — Westminster College — Spring 2012
section 01 9:20 a.m. - 10:50 a.m. TR — 291 Hoyt Science Center
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Course web site (sect. 02): https://my.westminster.edu/ICS/Academics/HIS/HIS__102/1112_20-HIS__102-02/

**Purpose**
This course studies civilization from the death of Louis XIV to the present by tracing the major political, economic, and cultural developments of Western Europe.

**Objective**
To understand the economic, political, and cultural developments of early modern and modern Western Europe.

**Goals**
Through reading, writing, analysis, and discussion, students will come to an introductory understanding of Europe and its relationship with the world from the 18th through the 21st centuries that will allow them to engage in further discussion and inquiry in other courses in European and world history.

**Outcomes**
Students will be able to identify economic processes (such as industrialism) and explain their importance to Western civilization.
Students will be able to understand political ideologies (such as nationalism) and explain their importance to Western civilization.
Students will be able to recognize cultural movements (such as romanticism) and explain their importance to Western civilization.
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**Readings** (available from the bookstore, and on reserve in McGill Library)
Lynn Hunt and others, The Making of the West, Volume 2 (4th ed.)
Olaudah Equiano, The Life of Olaudah Equiano (Dover Publications edition)
Bob Blaisdell, ed., The Communist Manifesto and Other Revolutionary Writings
Primo Levi, Survival In Auschwitz
Online texts as indicated below

**Requirements**

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| class participation | 10% |
| online quizzes | 11% |
| exam 1 | 15% |
| exam 2 | 15% |
| 5-7 page essay | 20% |
| discussion questions | 2% |
| forum postings | 4% |
| review questions | 3% |
| final exam | 20% |

**Grading scale**

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| A = 93-100 | B-= 80-82 | D+= 68-69 |
| A- = 90-92 | C+= 78-79 | D = 63-67 |
| B+= 88-89 | C = 73-77 | D-= 60-62 |
| B = 83-87 | C-= 70-72 | F = 0-59 |

Regular attendance at and participation in class meetings is required. Students who merely attend each class meeting without contributing to class discussion will receive a failing grade for participation. Participation includes not only oral contribution to class discussion, but also completion of quizzes and other written work as assigned. Expectations for written work include proper documentation, good grammar, and clear, persuasive writing.

Absences are excused at the instructor's discretion. If you miss class for a legitimate reason, you must provide appropriate documentation in writing for the absence to be excused. E-mail or write the instructor within 24 hours of the absence regarding the reason for your absence and your plans for making up the work missed.

Failure to complete all course requirements will result in an "F" for the course.

More information about assignments and exams will be forthcoming in a timely manner.

**Accessibility Statement**
Westminster College actively strives for the full inclusion of all our students. Students with disabilities who require access solutions for environmental or curricular barriers should contact Corey Shaw, Director of Disability Support Services, located in 209 Thompson-Clark Hall (phone: 724-946-7192, e-mail shawcj@westminster.edu).

Students who may need academic accommodations are encouraged to discuss options with their instructor no later than the second week of class.

**Academic Integrity**
Violations of the Westminster College Academic Integrity Policy include (but are not limited to) cheating, misconduct, plagiarism, and providing false information. All students are responsible for familiarizing themselves with the definitions of these infractions of academic integrity. Academic dishonesty will be penalized in accord with the procedures outlined on pages 21-23 of the Westminster College Handbook for Students 2011-2012. The instructor reserves the right to submit students' written work to turnitin.com, and encourages students to use the turnitin.com web site as a resource to learn more about intentional and unintentional plagiarism.

## Schedule

Please read all assigned readings before the class for which they are scheduled, and bring an annotated copy of the week's readings (or your extensive notes on the readings) with you to each class meeting.
The schedule is subject to revision by the instructor.

INTRODUCTION

January 17
Handout: Michael D. Richards, "What Is 'The West'?"

THE ATLANTIC WORLD

January 19
Text: The Life of Olaudah Equiano, ch. 1-3

take **QUIZ 1** by 11:55 p.m. January 23

January 24
Text: The Making of the West, ch. 17
Text: The Life of Olaudah Equiano, ch. 4-7

**Group 1** posts discussion questions by 11:55 p.m. January 25

January 26
Text: The Life of Olaudah Equiano, ch. 10-12

ENLIGHTENMENT

take **QUIZ 2** by 11:55 p.m. January 30

January 31
Text: The Making of the West, ch. 18

**Group 2** posts discussion questions by 11:59 p.m. February 1

February 2
Text: Voltaire, "Policy," in The Communist Manifesto
Online: Immanuel Kant, "An Answer to the Question: What is Enlightenment? (1784)"
http://www.english.upenn.edu/~mgamer/Etexts/kant.html

REVOLUTION

take **QUIZ 3** by 11:59 p.m. February 6

February 7
Text: The Making of the West, ch. 19
**ESSAY (Option A) due**

**Group 3** posts discussion questions by 11:55 p.m. February 8

February 9
Text: National Assembly of France, "The Declaration of the Rights of Man and of the Citizen," in The Communist Manifesto
Online: Olympe de Gouges, "The Rights of Women"
http://www.pinn.net/~sunshine/book-sum/gouges.html

take **QUIZ 4** by 11:55 p.m. February 13

February 14
Text: The Making of the West, ch. 20
Online: Johann Gottlieb Fichte, "To the German Nation, 1806"
http://www.fordham.edu/Halsall/mod/1806fichte.asp

February 16 review

February 21 **EXAM 1**

THE INDUSTRIAL WORLD

**Group 4** posts discussion questions by 11:55 p.m. February 22

February 23
Text: The Making of the West, ch. 21
Text: Robert Owen, "The Legacy of Robert Owen to the Population of the World," in The Communist Manifesto

take **QUIZ 5** by 11:55 p.m. February 27

February 28
Text: The Making of the West, ch. 22

**Group 5** posts discussion questions by 11:55 p.m. February 29

March 1
Text: Marx and Engels, The Manifesto of the Communist Party, in The Communist Manifesto

March 6, March 8 SPRING BREAK

take **QUIZ 6** by 11:55 p.m. March 12

March 13
Text: The Making of the West, ch. 23
**ESSAY (option B) due**

**Group 6** posts discussion questions by 11:55 p.m. March 14

March 15
Text: The Making of the West, ch. 24
Text: Mohandas K. Gandhi, "Ahmedabad Speech" and "Satyagraha (Noncoöperation)" in The Communist Manifesto

March 20 review

March 22 **EXAM 2**

THE WORLD AT WAR

take **QUIZ 7** by 11:55 p.m. March 26

March 27
Text: The Making of the West, ch. 25
Text: Leon Trotsky et al., "The Zimmerwald Manifesto," in The Communist Manifesto
Text: V. I. Lenin and the Provisional Government, "Declaration of Rights of the Working and Exploited People," in The Communist Manifesto

March 29 HISTORY DAY

take **QUIZ 8** by 11:55 p.m. April 2

April 3
Text: The Making of the West, ch. 26

April 5 EASTER BREAK

April 10 Monday classes meet

**Group 7** posts discussion questions by 11:55 p.m. April 11

April 12
Text: Primo Levi, Survival in Auschwitz

COLD WAR

take **QUIZ 9** by 11:55 p.m. April 16

April 17
Text: The Making of the West, ch. 27

**Group 8** posts discussion questions by 11:55 p.m. April 18

April 19
Online: Winston Churchill, "The Sinews of Peace"
http://www.hpol.org/churchill/
Text: Che Guevara, "Colonialism is Doomed," in The Communist Manifesto

take **QUIZ 10** by 11:55 p.m. April 24

April 24
Text: The Making of the West, ch. 28
**ESSAY (option C) due**

**Group 9** posts discussion questions by 11:55 p.m. April 25

April 26
Online: Alexander Solzhenitsyn, "A World Split Apart"
http://www.columbia.edu/cu/augustine/arch/solzhenitsyn/harvard1978.html

take **QUIZ 11** by 11:55 p.m. April 30

May 1
Text: The Making of the West, ch. 29
**REVIEW QUESTIONS due**

REVIEW

May 3 review

Tuesday May 8, 3:00 - 5:30 p.m. **FINAL EXAM**, section 01

Monday May 7, 8:00-10:30 a.m. **FINAL EXAM**, section 02