

SYLLABUS FOR HISTORY 4318

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LEARNING OBJECTIVES

The primary learning objective for this course is for students to analyze the importance of historical context.

In this course, students will study the historical emergence of the Slavic people and the creation of their first state, the kingdom of Kiev.

Students will also examine events associated with the disintegration of the Kingdom of Kiev and the Mongol invasion of Russia.

Students will also focus on the unification of the Russian lands by the princes of Moscow, including the reign of Ivan the Terrible.

Students will also study the Time of Troubles and its aftermath.

Students will also study the reign of Peter the Great and his westernization of Russia.

Students will also examine developments in Russia during the eighteenth century.

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Students will also study the revolutionary upheavals that occurred in Russia during

the early twentieth century.

Students will also finalize course by examining twentieth century developments in Russia.

REQUIRED MATERIALS

The textbook for this course is *Russia and the Soviet Union* (7th edition) by John M. Thompson (isbn 978-0-8133-4696-0). All examinations will require a comprehensive understanding of the textbook, so students must read the textbook carefully in order to score a passing grade in the class.

Five examinations will be given during the semester. Each examination will consist of three essay questions, and the students will have one and a half hours after the posting of the questions to send their responses via regular email. The responses must be in the students own words, and **THEY MUST INCORPORATE AN EXTENSIVE DISCUSSION OF THE ITEMS IN QUESTION.** Under no circumstances will the student be allowed to plagiarize from the textbook. Exam questions will be based upon one or two sections of the textbook. For example, a possible exam question could be "Discuss economic conditions in the Kingdom of Kiev." Questions will be posted at 5:00 p.m. on the due date, and responses sent after 6:30 p.m. will not be accepted by the professor. Each exam will be worth twenty percent of the final grade. Due dates for the exams appear below.

Exam 1—Feb. 10

Exam 2—Mar. 3

Exam 3—Mar. 28

Exam 4—April 19

Exam 5—May 10

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