

SYLLABUS FOR HISTORY 3308

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LEARNING OBJECTIVES FOR HISTORY OF MEXICO:

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

In this course, the student will become acquainted with the pre-Hispanic civilizations of Mexico, especially the Aztec civilization.

The student will also become familiar with the early modern history of Spain.

The student will also learn about the conquest of Mexico by the Spaniards and the aftermath of the conquest.

The student will also examine the colonial history of Mexico, with special emphasis on the discovery of silver, the Indian population, the Catholic Church, and the racial groups in the country.

The student will also become familiar with the Bourbon reforms.

The student will also study the wars of independence in Mexico and the early history of independent Mexico.

The student will also become acquainted with the Texas revolution and the war between Mexico and the United States.

The student will also study the period of the Reform.

TEXTBOOKS AND EXAMS:

The textbook needed for this course is Triumphs and Tragedy: A History of the Mexican People (isbn 0-393-31066-3) by Ramon Eduardo Ruiz. Additional readings will be made available by the professor and will be indicated in the assignments section. STUDENTS MUST READ THE TEXTBOOK AND ASSIGNED READINGS CAREFULLY IN ORDER TO OBTAIN AN ADEQUATE GRADE.

Students will prove their mastery of the material learned in the textbook by completing a weekly quiz during the semester. These quizzes will consist of multiple choice questions and will total thirty points per test. The quizzes will be timed, with fifteen minutes given for the completion of every exam. Students must take these quizzes during the times given, and no makeup quizzes will be given during the semester. Material for the quizzes will come from lectures and readings assigned from the textbook.

Week of:

August 22.....Ruiz, *Triumphs and Tragedy*, chap. 1

Lecture will focus on the history of Spain and Mexico's Indian civilizations.

August 29..... Ruiz, *Triumphs and Tragedy*, chap. 2

Lecture will focus on the conquest of Tenochtitlan

Quiz 1

September 5.....Ruiz, *Triumphs and Tragedy*, chap. 3

Lecture will focus on early sixteenth century Mexico

Quiz 2

September 12.....Ruiz, *Triumphs and Tragedy*, chap. 4

Lecture will focus on late sixteenth century Mexico

Quiz 3

September 19..... Ruiz, *Triumphs and Tragedy*, chap. 5

Lecture will focus on seventeenth century Mexico

Quiz 4

September 26.....Ruiz, *Triumphs and Tragedy*, chap. 6

Lecture will focus on eighteenth century Mexico

Quiz 5

- October 3..... Ruiz, *Triumphs and Tragedy*, chap. 7
Lecture will focus on the Bourbon Reforms
Quiz 6
- October 10..... Ruiz, *Triumphs and Tragedy*, chap. 8
Lecture will focus on the wars of independence in Mexico
Quiz 7
- October 17..... Ruiz, *Triumphs and Tragedy*, chap. 9
Lecture will focus on Mexico in the 1820s and 1830s
Quiz 8
- October 24..... Ruiz, *Triumphs and Tragedy*, chap. 10
Lecture will focus on problems in early independent Mexico
Quiz 9
- October 31..... Ruiz, *Triumphs and Tragedy*, chap. 11
Lecture will focus on the independence of Texas and the war against the USA
Quiz 10
- November 7..... Ruiz, *Triumphs and Tragedy*, chap. 12
Lecture will focus on the period of the Reform
Quiz 11
- November 14..... Ruiz, *Triumphs and Tragedy*, chap. 13
Lecture will focus on the period of the French Intervention
Quiz 12
- November 21..... Ruiz, *Triumphs and Tragedy*, chap. 14
Lecture will focus on the administrations of Benito Juarez
Quiz 13
- November 28..... Ruiz, *Triumphs and Tragedy*, chap. 15

Lecture will focus on the advent of the Diaz dictatorship

Quiz 14

December 5.....Quiz 15

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