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**WORLD HISTORY I: To 1500**

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**Course Description:** *World History I to 1500 (3-0)*. A survey of world history from the earliest times to the end of the middle ages. Coverage will have an emphasis on non-western civilizations such as Mesopotamia, India, Iran, China, Byzantium, Al-Andalus and the Steppe World.

**Required Texts:** *The New Penguin Atlas of Ancient History*. Colin McEvedy. London: Penguin Books, 2002.  
ISBN 978-014-0513486 (Also available on the Internet Archive.org)

*The New Penguin Atlas of Medieval History*s. Colin McEvedy. London: Penguin Books, 1992.  
ISBN: 978-0140512496 (Also available on the Internet Archive.org)

*The Epic of Gilgamesh*. Trans. with Intro: Andrew George. London: Penguin Books, 1999.  
ISBN: 978-0140449198 (Also available on the Internet Archive.org)

**Assignments:**

Reading Syntheses (15)	<i>Gilgamesh</i> Discussions (12)	Geography Assignments (10)
Thematic Quizzes (4)	Concise Historical Notebook (4)	Critical Book Reviews (1)

**Student Learning  
Outcomes:**

**The graduating student with a B. A. in History will:**

1. Develop an informed, critical and articulate approach to the study of history.  
**Marketable Skills: Critical Thinking:** *Absorption, comprehension, synthesis of Data*  
**Ibid:** *Development of pattern recognition and causal skills.*  
**Global Fluency:** *Ability to place the United States in a global context*
2. The history student will demonstrate knowledge of American History, World History, and Non-American History  
**Marketable Skills:** *Students can meet deadlines in a successful manner.*  
*Students can discharge responsibilities in an adequate manner.*  
*Students can manage the absorption of data.*
3. Demonstrate knowledge of historical events, movements, major turning points and personalities of the past.  
**Marketable Skills: Professionalism:** *Knowledge and understanding of the civic roles and responsibilities of a United States citizen.*  
**Critical Thinking/Professionalism:** *Ability to relate the importance of the historical past when considering public policy decisions.*
4. The history student will demonstrate the ability to write about topics in historiography and how those topics are interpreted.  
**Marketable Skills:** *Students can utilize data to persuade various audiences.*  
*Students can utilize data to generate and strengthen ideas.*  
*Students can decipher stances adopted by various individuals.*
5. The history student will demonstrate historical research skills in a logically organized, written paper that is mechanically correct and supported by relevant documentation of historical content  
**Marketable skills:** *Students can identify useful resources from a pool of data.*  
*Students can select and organize data in a relevant manner.*  
*Students can make written presentations to various audiences*

SLO's are assessed as follows:

- Thematic Quizzes (4) will assess SLOs 1-4
- Reading Syntheses will assess SLOs 1,2 & 4
- Gilgamesh* Discussions will assess SLO's 1, 2 & 4
- Concise Historical Notebooks will assess SLOs 1-5.
- Geography Assignments will assess SLOs 2-3
- Critical Book Review will assess SLOs 1-5

### Course Learning Outcomes

Students who complete HIST 2301 with a grade of "C" or higher will be able:

- ❖ To trace the historical development of ancient and mediaeval civilizations including, but not limited to, the following: Ancient Near East, Persian Empire, Ancient India, Ancient China, Greece & the Hellenistic World, Roman Empire, Sasanian Persia, Byzantine Empire, Rise of Islam, Al-Andalus, Mediaeval Europe through political, economic, socio-cultural developments.
- ❖ To chart long-term historical & political trends in the World History to 1500.
- ❖ Understand the role that historical interpretation plays in the assessment of the past, be able to identify and critique various/differing interpretations of the past.
- ❖ Demonstrate knowledge of the historical and political geography as related to the topics of World History up through 1500.
- ❖ The development of critical thinking and writing skills through essay test questions, a research report and critical book reviews.

### Core Curriculum Skills:

**Critical Thinking:** Students will develop critical thinking skills to include creative thinking, innovation, inquiry, and analysis, evaluation and synthesis of information

**Empirical & Quantitative Skills:** Students will develop empirical and quantitative skills to include the manipulation and analysis of numerical data or observable facts resulting in informed conclusion

### TExES Standards:

Students seeking teacher certification in the Core Subjects EC-6 and History and Social Studies 7-12 areas will cover some or all of the following standards.

Core Subjects EC-6/4-8: [Social Studies Standards IV, V, VII & IX](#)

History 7-12: Standards [II, IV, V & IX](#)

Social Studies 7-12: Standards [II, IV, V & IX](#)

### Course Requirements:

**Academic Honesty** - Students in this class are expected to demonstrate scholarly behavior and academic honesty in the use of intellectual property. A scholar is expected to be punctual, prepared, and focused; meaningful and pertinent participation is appreciated. Examples of academic dishonesty include but are not limited to: Turning in work as original that was used in whole or part for another course and/or professor; turning in another person's work as one's own; copying from professional works or internet sites without citation; collaborating on a course assignment, examination, or quiz when collaboration is forbidden.

**A. D. A. Statement:** Sul Ross State University is committed to equal access in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 and the Rehabilitation Act of 1973. It is the students responsibility to initiate a request for accessibility services. Students seeking accessibility services must contact:

**Rebecca Greathouse Wren, LPC-S**

**Counseling and Accessibility Services,**

Ferguson Hall 112

Mailing Address: P. O. Box C-171; Alpine, TX 79832

Phone: (432) 837-8203

E-mail: [Rebecca.wren@sulross.edu](mailto:Rebecca.wren@sulross.edu)

If you have an accessibility letter from the C. A. S it is your responsibility to ensure that the

instructor has received a copy of it so your specific accommodations can be met.

**Appealing the Final Grade:** If students wish to appeal their grade, this discussion should begin with the instructor and proceed according to university policies and procedures. For university policies on appealing a grade, please see the Student Handbook for the procedures in place.

**Attendance** - It is highly recommended you attend class. Per SRSU requirements attendance is taken at the beginning of each class.

**Classroom Climate of Respect:** Importantly, this class will foster free expression, critical investigation, and the open discussion of ideas. This means that all of us must help create and sustain an atmosphere of tolerance, civility, and respect for the viewpoints of others. Similarly, we must all learn how to probe, oppose and disagree without resorting to tactics of intimidation, harassment, or personal attack. No one is entitled to harass, belittle, or discriminate against another on the basis of race, religion, ethnicity, age, gender, national origin, or sexual preference. Still we will not be silenced by the difficulty of fruitfully discussing politically sensitive issues.

**Cell Phone Policy:** Turn all electronic devices to silent and put them away. Use of electronic devices during the class is strictly prohibited, and users electronic devices may be asked to leave the class. YES, THIS REFERS TO TRYING TO HIDE & USE YOUR CELL PHONE UNDER THE DESK.

**Contacting the Instructor:** My office telephone number and e-mail are included for emergencies. E-mail is the preferred method of communication. Please use the following format in your subject line for any e-mail communications: YOUR NAME: HIST 2301-Subject of E-mail.

**Late Assignments:** Assignments turned in late will lose 10% off their maximum grade each day the assignment is late. After 4 days you will receive a grade of "F".

**Make Up Exam Policy:** Make up exams will only be given because of documented emergency situations such as severe/extreme medical conditions for yourself or a dependent, or in the case of a death in the immediate family. Students who have this type of problem must either contact the instructor by e-mail or phone prior to the date of the exam OR bring in a validated excuse upon their first day back in the course. Please note that make up exam will not be the same as the ones given in class.

**On Writing Well:** The members of the history faculty believe that it is important that students be encouraged to write well in classes other than English. To that end, each examination will contain essay questions; while major assignments such as readings summaries, concise historical notebooks, and a critical book review will be required. Points may be deducted from your grade for the overall quality of the essay, reflection or paper, including spelling and grammatical errors. (HINT: Use Spelling & Grammar Check).

**Writing Tutoring:** Students needing assistance with writing are urged to use the services of the Writing Lab, part of the Tutoring and Learning Centre, located in the Bryan Wildenthal Memorial Library first floor. Please note that while the writing tutors can help you with grammar, structure, formatting and citations they will not write assignments for you nor are they editors.

**Student  
Responsibilities:**

You are responsible for attending all lectures, taking notes and completing the readings.

You are responsible for getting notes from a missed class from a classmate.

You are responsible for turning in assignments on time.

You are responsible for being in class to take quizzes and exams

You are responsible for verifying your enrollment in or withdrawal from the course. If you quit the class, but your name still appears on the Banner grade sheet at the end of the semester you will receive an "F" for the course.

## **Instructor**

### **Responsibilities:**

Mr. Marsh will know the course content; explain relevant concepts and principles; facilitate class participation; hold office hours; treat students fairly and with respect; and create a positive learning environment.

Mr. Marsh will field any question on the course content

Mr. Marsh will return assignments in a reasonable amount of time.

Mr. Marsh will hold office hours and answer student e-mails on the course.

### **Lesson Structure:**

**Lectures:** With each class period of the week there will be a lecture, introducing the main themes and topics of that lesson. Please note the bullet points contained on the lecture slides are an outline for you to use when taking notes. They are not a transcription of lecture itself.

**Readings:** Each lesson will consist of a required reading from the primary textbook, a supplementary chapter or article, or both depending on the lesson. While you are required to purchase the primary textbook, supplemental readings will be posted to Blackboard.

#### **Required Textbooks:**

*The New Penguin Atlas of Ancient History.* Colin McEvedy. London: Penguin Books, 2002.

*The New Penguin Atlas of Medieval History.* Colin McEvedy. London: Penguin Books, 1992.

*The Epic of Gilgamesh.* Trans. with Intro: Andrew George. London: Penguin Books, 1999.

In addition to the Sul Ross Bookstore, Amazon.com, and other fine merchants, all three required books are available on the Internet Archive at archive.org for no charge. All supplemental readings will be provided via Blackboard.

**Assignments:** With each lesson will be an assignment or assignments that you are asked to complete. See below for a full listing of the different assignments we will be completing in this course.

### **Course Assignments:**

**Reading Syntheses:** History is a discipline based around written documents. Because of this reading the text is a critical part of understanding the material and successfully completing the course. With each lesson you will write a one page synthesis based on the textbook, and/or supplementary readings for that lesson. *(See Appendix I for Complete Details)*

**Gilgamesh Readings & Discussion Boards:** We will be reading the ancient Babylonian Epic *Gilgamesh* over the course the semester. Each week you will be required to read a chapter from the Andrew George edition of *Gilgamesh*, post your answers to the questions over the reading to the Blackboard Discussion Board and respond to at least two other posts. *(See Appendix II for Complete Details.)*

**Geography Assignments:** Knowledge of geography is a key part of understanding historical events. Each student will complete 10 assignments on the physical & political geography of the Ancient World to be turned in via Blackboard. *(See Appendix V for Complete Details.)*

**Concise Historical Content Notebooks:** For each unit (Ancient, Classical, Late Antique, Mediaeval/Byzantine) you will compile a study notebook comprised of the following: key dates, key vocabulary terms, key historical figures, key geographic features, key historical events. *(See Appendix VI for Complete Details.)*

**Critical Book Review:** Each student will complete a critical book review during the course of the semester. The review will either be on a book covering one of the civilisations covered in the course, or a biography of a key figure in World History up to AD 1500. *(See Appendix III & IV for complete details.)*

**Thematic Quizzes:** Our 16 lessons will be structured around 4 main themes: the Ancient World, the Classical World, the Late Antique World, and the Mediaeval/Byzantine World. At the end of each thematic section you will complete a short quiz on that theme. Quizzes will be based on lectures and readings from each lesson, and will consist of a combination of multiple choice, true/false, geographic, and short answer questions. Questions are designed to test your knowledge and comprehension of the material covered in the lessons.

**Attendance & Participation:** You are expected to attend, pay attention and actively participate in the course. This means completing the assigned readings, assignments, asking questions and participating in discussions.

**Extra Credit:** Book Review: Students may complete one extra book review for a total of 100 points, chosen from one of the books listed in *Appendix III*. Limit of one per student. **Maximum of 100 points.**

Students who attend a Lobo Literati League meeting will receive 15 points of extra credit with documented proof from Dr. Kathy Stein. If other extra credit opportunities arise during the semester they will be noted by the instructor. Students may receive a maximum of 45 points extra credit

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**Grading Distribution:**

Assignment	Number	Points Ea.	Assignment Total Points
Chapter Reading Syntheses	15	20pts	300 pts
Thematic Quizzes	4	50pts	200pts
Gilgamesh Discussions	12	12.5pts	150 pts
Geography Assignments	10	10pts	100pts
Concise Historical Notebooks	4	25pts	100pts
Critical Book Review	1	100pts	100pts
Attendance & Participation	1	50pts	50pts
			1000 Total Points Possible

**Grading Breakdown**

Grade of "A"	=	900+ points
Grade of "B"	=	800-899 points
Grade of "C"	=	700-799 points
Grade of "D"	=	600-699 points
Failing Grade "F"	=	000-599 points

## Schedule of Lectures & Readings

### UNIT I: Ancient World

Week 1: Rise of Civilizations, Mesopotamia and the Near East  
Readings: McEvedy - *Ancient History* pg. 18-27, Additional Readings attached in Lesson folder.

Week 2: Near Eastern Civilizations to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Intermediate Period,  
Readings: McEvedy - *Ancient History* pg. 28-37; Additional Readings attached in Lesson folder.

Week 3: Ancient India; Growth of China;  
Readings: Antonova - *Ancient India*, Gernet - *Chinese Civilisation* pg. 37-61,

**Note: No in-class lecture Friday 10 September 2021. Work on assignments for that week.**

Week 4: Near East in the Late Bronze Age. Chou Dynasty China  
Textbook: McEvedy - *Ancient History* pg. 38-45. Additional Readings attached in Lesson folder.

Week 5: Iron Age States and the Rise of Empire – Assyria, Babylonian, Achaemenid Persia;  
Textbook: McEvedy - *Ancient History* pg. 46-61. Additional Readings attached in Lesson folder.

**Note: No in-class lecture Monday & Wednesday 20 & 22 September 2021. Lecture Powerpoint posted to Blackboard. Work on assignments for that week.**

### UNIT II: Classical World

Week 6: Archaic and Classical Greece, Age of Alexander; the Diadochi.  
Textbook: McEvedy - *Ancient History* pg. 62-75. Additional Readings attached in Lesson folder.

Week 7: Hellenistic Kingdoms, Mauryan India, First Empire of China  
Textbook: McEvedy - *Ancient History* pg.76-81; Additional Readings attached in Lesson folder.

Week 8: Rise of Rome – Monarchy to Republic; Rome & the Hellenistic Kingdoms; Parthian Empire  
Textbook: McEvedy - *Ancient History* pg. 82-91; Additional Readings attached in Lesson folder.

**Note: No in-class lecture Monday 11 October 2021. Work on assignments for that week.**

Week 9: Rome - Expansion & Pax Romana; Kushanas; Han Empire of China  
Textbook: Sharma - *Ancient India*, Gernet - *Chinese Civilisation*, McEvedy - *Ancient History* pg. 92-103; Additional Readings attached in Lesson folder.

### UNIT III: Late Antique World

Week 10: Crises of Empire-3rd Century; Early Byzantine Empire Rise of Sasanian Persia; Gupta India;  
Textbook: McEvedy - *Ancient History* pg.104-114; McEvedy - *Medieval History* pg. 12-31. Additional Readings attached in Lesson folder.

Week 11: Fall of the West; Byzantine Empire-Justinian to Herakleios; Post-Han China  
Textbook: Gordon - *Rise of Islam*, McEvedy - *Medieval History* pg. 32-43. Additional Readings attached in Lesson folder.

Week 12: Rise of Islam; T'ang China  
Textbook: McEvedy - *Medieval History* pg. 34-47. Additional Readings attached in Lesson folder.

### UNIT IV: Mediaeval Byzantine World

Week 13: Survival of Byzantium; Charlemagne and Western Europe;  
Textbook: McEvedy - *Medieval History* pg. 46-61. Additional Readings attached in Lesson folder.

Week 14: Islamic Near East and the Middle Byzantine Empire; Norman Conquest and the Plantagenets;  
Textbook: McEvedy - *Medieval History* pg. 60-69. Additional Readings attached in Lesson folder.  
**Note: Thanksgiving Holiday – University Closed Wednesday or Friday 24 & 26 November 2021. Lecture Powerpoint posted to Blackboard.**

Week 15: Crusades, Song China; Genghis Khan & the Mongolian State; End of the Medieval World  
Textbook: McEvedy - *Medieval History* pg. 70-105. Additional Readings attached in Lesson folder.

**Note: Lectures and Readings are tentative and may be changed at the discretion of the Instructor**

## Appendix I: Reading Syntheses

### **I: Learning Objective**

The reading synthesis is designed to build knowledge and skills related to the study of history including but not limited to: reading comprehension, interpretation and synthesis, critical thinking, time management and writing in standard English.

### **II. Directions**

Each week a chapter or portions of multiple chapters will be assigned for students to read. After reading the assigned pages write a one-page synthesis of the topics and information found in the textbook readings. Syntheses are not designed to be exhaustive, but to give a brief overview of what is being covered. Look at what the main ideas and topics are in the chapter when beginning to outline your summary.

### **III. Format**

Complete your assignments in Microsoft Word. All pages to be 1.5 spaced, using 12pt Times New Roman or Cambria font.

- Your Name, Date, HIST 2301 and the assignment week need to be in the upper right-hand corner of the page.
- Original title for the summary on next line, centred
- Body of the summary
- NO QUOTES FROM THE TEXTBOOK OR READINGS IN THE SUMMARY

### **IV. Reading Syntheses Due Dates**

- I – 30 August
- II – 7 September
- III – 13 September
- IV – 20 September
- V – 27 September
- VI – 4 October
- VII – 11 October
- VIII – 18 October
- IX – 25 October
- X – 1 November
- XI – 8 November
- XII – 15 November
- XIII – 23 November
- XIV – 29 November
- XV – 3 December

### **V. Reading Syntheses Grade Sheet**

<b>Name:</b>	<b>Date:</b>
<b>Assignment Week:</b>	<b>Grade:</b>

#### 1) Preliminary Matter

A) Loss of 2 points for excessive spelling and grammar errors (10+) \_\_\_\_\_

B) Loss of 1 point for:

- 1) Assignments without a name
- 2) Assignments in a font other than Times New Roman or Cambria.
- 3) Assignments without required title information

#### 2) Substance of the Assignment (Total Possible Points = 20 points) \_\_\_\_\_

A) Shows evidence of reading the chapter \_\_\_\_\_ (5 pts)

B) Recognises and discusses primary themes of reading assignment \_\_\_\_\_ (5 pts)

C) Recognises and discusses impact of major historical figures covered in reading assignment. \_\_\_\_\_ (5pts)

C) Evidence of synthesis and interpretation \_\_\_\_\_ (5pts)

#### 3) Formatting Deductions

D) Uses quotes from textbook or reading -2 points. \_\_\_\_\_

**Appendix II: Gilgamesh Readings & Discussion Board**

**I: Learning Objective**

The *Gilgamesh* readings are designed to expose students to the literature of the Ancient World, highlight the socio-political differences between the 21<sup>st</sup> centuries B. C. and A. D., and promote critical thinking. The Discussion Boards are designed to build knowledge and skills related to the study of history including but not limited to: historical interpretation and synthesis, reading comprehension, critical thinking, time management and writing in standard English.

**II. Directions**

Each week you will read a chapter from Andrew George translation of *The Epic of Gilgamesh* averaging 8-10 pages in length. Questions for each weeks reading are posted on the Blackboard Discussion Board for you to respond to. Comments must be a minimum of one paragraph in length. After posting your own comments you will also need to read and comment on **at least** two other student postings as well. Comments of one- or two-word banal responses will earn you an automatic “F” for that week’s discussion board.

**III. Format**

Sample Question: In Tablet I - what type of ruler does the reading depict Gilgamesh to be, how do the citizens of Uruk view Gilgamesh? How common do you think the form of government in Uruk would be in this period of history?

Answer: Write your answer using complete sentences and be sure to use spell check and grammar check BEFORE posting. Points will be deducted for spelling and grammar mistakes. Each answer needs to be a least a paragraph long.

**IV. Gilgamesh Due Dates**

- Tablet I – 7 September
- Tablet II – 13 September
- Tablet III – 20 September
- Tablet IV – 27 September
- Tablet V – 4 October
- Tablet VI – 11 October
- Tablet VII – 18 October
- Tablet VIII – 25 October
- Tablet IX – 1 November
- Tablet X – 8 November
- Tablet XI – 15 November
- Gilgamesh & Akka – 23 November

**V. Gilgamesh Discussion Board Grade Sheet**

<b>Name:</b>	<b>Chapter #:</b>
<b>Number of Comments:</b>	<b>Grade:</b>

- 1) Completion (5pts)
  - a) Student has answered all questions for the week (2pts)
  - b) Student has commented on two other students posts (2pts)
- 2) Content (5pts)
  - a) Student shows evidence of reading the selection for the week (3pts)
  - b) Answers to the week’s questions shows critical thinking (4pts)
- 3) Technical (2.5pts)
  - a) No spellings errors (.5pts)
  - b) No grammar errors (.5pts)



### Appendix III: Books for Critical Reviews

#### Civilization Book Choices

- Who Were the Babylonian?* Bill T. Arnold. Atlanta: Society of Biblical Literature, 2004.
- Ancient Iraq*. 3<sup>rd</sup> Ed. Georges Roux. London: Penguin Books Ltd., 1992.
- The Indus: Lost Civilizations*. Andrew Robinson. London: Reaktion Books LTD, 2015.
- Monarchs of the Nile*. Aidan Dodson. Cairo: The American University in Cairo Press, 2005/2015.
- The Hittites*. O.R. Gurney. London: The Folio Society, 1999.
- The Sea Peoples: Warriors of the Ancient Mediterranean*. N.K. Sandar. London: Thames & Hudson, Ltd., 1978,1986.
- Shang Civilization*. Kwang-Chih Chang. New Haven, CT: Yale University Press, 1980.
- Phoenicians*. Peoples of the Past Vol. III. Glenn Markoe. Berkeley, CA: University of California Press, 2000.
- A Brief History of Ancient Israel*. Victor H. Matthews. Louisville, KY: Westminster John Knox Press, 2002.
- The Might that was Assyria*. H.W.F. Saggs. London: Sidgwick & Jackson, 1984.
- Ancient Persia*. Matt Waters. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2014.
- Ancient India*. 4<sup>th</sup> Ed. D.N. Jha. New Delhi: Manohar Publishers, 2020.
- Individual and Community: The Rise of the Polis 800-500 B.C.* Chester G. Starr. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 1986.
- Lords of Battle: The World of the Celtic Warrior*. Stephen Allen. Oxford, UK: Osprey Publishing Ltd., 2007.
- From Alexander to Cleopatra: The Hellenistic World*. Michael Grant. New York: Charles Scribner's Sons, 1982.
- Mauryan India*. 9<sup>th</sup> Ed. Irfan Habib & Vivekanand Jha. New Delhi: Tulika Books, 2019.
- Daily Life in the Hellenistic Age*. James Allen Evans. Norman, OK: University of Oklahoma Press, 2012.
- Carthage*. Revised Edition. B.H. Warmington. New York: Frederik A. Praeger Publishers, 1969.
- The Hasmonaeans and Their State*. Electrum Vol. 16 Krakow: Jagiellonian University Press, 2010.
- The Ancient Romans*. Chester G. Starr. Oxford, UK: Oxford University Press, 1972.
- Ancient Rome: The Republic 753BC – 30BC*. Patricia Southern. Stroud: Amberley Publishing, 2012.
- The Roman Empire*. 2<sup>nd</sup> Ed. Colin Wells. Boston: Harvard University Press, 1992.
- The Establishment of the Han Empire and Imperial China*. Grant Hardy & Anne Behnke Kinney. Westport, CT: Greenwood Press, 2005.
- Everyday Life in Early Imperial China*. Michael Loewe. Indianapolis: Hackett Publishing Company, Inc., 2005.
- The Goths: Lost Civilizations*. David M. Gwynn. London: Reaktion Books LTD., 2017.
- Burgundians in the Mist*. Marc Comtois. Providence, RI: CreateSpace Independent Publishing, 2011.\
- The Imperial Guptas and their Times*. S.K. Maity. New Delhi: Munshiram Manoharl Publishers Pvt. Ltd., 1975.
- The Late Roman Empire*. Glanville Downey. New York: Holt, Reinhart & Winston, 1969,1979.
- Sasanian Iran (224-651 CE)* Touraj Daryae. Costa Mesa, CA: Mazda Publishers, Inc., 2008.
- A Concise History of the Byzantine Empire*. Warren Treadgold. Basingstoke, UK: Palgrave, 2001.\
- Attila the Hun: Barbarian Terror and the Fall of the Roman Empire*. Christopher Kelly. Toronto: McArthur & Company, 2008.
- The Sui Dynasty: The Unification of China, A.D. 581-617*. Arthur F. Wright. New York: Alfred A. Knopf, 1978.
- The War of the Three Gods: Romans, Persians and the Rise of Islam*. Peter Crawford. New York: Skyhorse Publishing, 2014.
- Moorish Spain*. Richard Fletcher. New York: Henry Holt & Company, 1992.
- Byzantium and Bulgaria*. Robert Browning. Berkeley, CA: University of California, 1976.
- The Vikings and their Age*. Angus A. Somerville and R. Andrew McDonald. Toronto: University of Toronto Press, 2013.
- Sacred Violence: the European Crusades to the Middle East 1095-1396*. Jill N. Claster. Toronto: University of Toronto Press, 2009.
- The Byzantine Empire, 1025-1204: A Political History*. 2<sup>nd</sup> Ed. Michael Angold. London: Longman, 1997.
- Gascony, England's First Colony 1204-1453*. Margaret Wade Labarge. London: H. Hamilton, 1980.
- The Crisis of Medieval Russia: 1200-1304*. John Fennell. London: Longman, 1983.
- The Mongols*. Peoples of Europe. David Morgan. Oxford, UK: Blackwell Publishers, 1986.
- The Secret History of the Mongol Queens*. Jack Weatherford. New York: Crown Publishers, 2010.
- The Imperial Twilight: The Palaiologos Dynasty and the Decline of Byzantium*. Constance Head. Chicago: Nelson-Hall Inc., 1977

### **Biography Book Choices**

- Hammurabi of Babylon*. Dominique Charpin. London: I. B. Tauris, 2012.
- Pharaoh Triumphant: The Life and Times of Ramesses II*. K. A. Kitchen. Cairo: The American University in Cairo, 1990.
- Images of Nebuchadnezzar: The Emergence of a Legend*. 2<sup>nd</sup> Ed. Ronald H. Sack. Selinsgrove: Susquehanna University Press, 2004.
- Nabonidus and Belshazzar*. Raymond P. Dougherty. Eugene, OR: Wipf & Stock Publishers, 2008. Original 1928.
- The Extraordinary Voyage of Pytheas the Greek*. Barry Cunliffe. New York: Walker & Co, 2001 & 2002.
- Alexander the Great and his Empire*. Pierre Briant & Amélie Kuhrt. Princeton: Princeton University Press, 2010.
- Asoka Maurya*. B. G. Gokhale. New York: Twayne Publishers, Inc., 1966.
- The First Emperor of China*. Jonathan Clements. Chalford, UK: Sutton Publishing, 2007.
- Mithridates the Great: Rome's Indomitable Enemy*. Philip Matyszak. Barnsley, UK: Pen & Sword Books, Ltd., 2008.
- Caligula*. Arther Ferrill. London: Thames & Hudson, 1991.
- Diocletian & the Roman Recovery*. Stephen Williams. New York: Methuen Inc, 1985.
- The Emperor Constantine*. Lancaster Pamphlets. Hans Pohlsander. London: Routledge, 1996.
- The Saint that would be Santa Claus*. A. C. English. Waco: Baylor University Press, 2012.
- The Emperor Julian*. Constance Head. Boston, MA: Twayne Publishers, 1976.
- Samudra Gupta: Life and Times*. B. G. Gokhale. London: Asia Publishing House, 1962.
- The Discovery of King Arthur*. Geoffrey Ashe. London: Guild Publishing, 1985.
- Justinian*. John Moorhead. London: Longman, 1994.
- The Empress Theodora: Partner of Justinian*. James Allan Evans. Austin: University of Texas Press, 2002.
- Belisarius: The Last Roman General*. Ian Hughes. Yardley, PE: Westholme Publishing, 2009.
- Son of Heaven: A Biography of Li Shih-Min*. C. P. Fitzgerald. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1933/2015.
- Mu'awiya ibn Abi Sufyan: From Arabia to Empire*. R. Stephen Humphries. Oxford, UK: Oneworld Publications, 2006.
- Justinian II of Byzantium*. Constance Head. Madison, WS: The University of Wisconsin Press, 1972.
- Wu*. Jonathon Clements. Chalford, UK: Sutton Publishing, 2007. (Empress Wu Zhao)
- 'Abd al Rahman III: The First Cordoban Caliph*. Maribel Fierro. Oxford, UK: Oneworld Publications, 2005.
- Charlemagne*. Allen Cabaniss. New York: Twayne Publishers, 1972.
- The Reign of the Byzantine Emperor Nicephorus I*. P. Niavis. Edinburgh: University of Edinburgh, 1984.
- \*Alfred the Great: The Man who made England*. Justin Pollard. London: John Murry (Publishers), 2005.
- Queen of the Conqueror: The Life of Matilda, wife of William I*. Tracy Borman. New York: Bantam Books, 2012.
- The Quest for El Cid*. Richard Fletcher. New York: Alfred A. Knopf, 1990.
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## Appendix IV: Critical Book Reviews

### **I: Learning Objective**

The critical book review is designed to build knowledge and skills related to the study of history including but not limited to: reading comprehension, historical interpretation and synthesis, factual analysis, critical thinking, time management and writing in standard English.

### **II. Directions**

- A) Each student will write a critical book reviews over a civilisation existing in the time period covered by our class, or on a biography of an important historical personage in the ancient or mediaeval period. Students may choose their book to review from the list of books in Appendix III. Books titles must be chosen and turned into the instructor for approval by the assigned dates in the class schedule. Each book review will be 4-5 pages in length.
- B) There is no one correct way to write a book review. However, as you read, it is suggested you look for some or all of the following topics.<sup>1</sup>
- a) What historical subject is the author writing about and what field does the book fit into?
  - b) What is the main thesis (central argument) of the book?
  - c) How does the author structure the book? Is the presentation of the book clear, orderly and logical?
  - d) What primary sources does the author use?
  - e) Does the author appear to have done comprehensive research for the book?
  - f) What supplemental features such as maps, charts, illustrations and/or bibliography does the book have? How well do they help you understand the book?
  - g) How well does the author write and is the writing easily understandable?
  - h) Are there any factual errors that jump out? People or events that the author has overlooked?
  - i) Why did the author write the book and did it accomplish its purpose?
  - j) What is your reaction to the book - was it enjoyable to read, did the author convince you of their thesis, what new information did you learn while reading the book?
  - k) Would you recommend this book and to what audience?
  - l) Do you have any additional comments?
- C) Review must be written in your own words. [**DO NOT PLAGIARIZE**] Be sure to proofread the final copy prior to submitting. Reviews will be turned in through **Safe Assign**.

### **III. Format**

Book reviews will need to have two columns to a page, be double-spaced and use 12pt Times New Roman or Cambria font. Use footnotes to cite any outside books referenced in the review.

A book review is in its essence a short essay. As such you need to have this essay arranged in a clear and logical order. How you have the review arranged is up to you, however, one option is listed below. The instructor will also post sample reviews on Blackboard for you to look at for ideas.<sup>2</sup>

- a) Short description of the subject, scope and the purpose of the book
- b) How does the author have the book structured?
- c) Outline the main thesis (central argument) of the book and any biases of the author.
- d) Evaluation of each chapters information and arguments.
- e) Important points brought up by the author in each chapter.
- f) Evaluate the strengths and weaknesses of the book.
- g) How well do the supplementary materials support the book.
- h) What is your overall assessment and recommendation for this book

### **IV. Stages of Development**

13 September – Civilization or Biography book chosen and confirmed with instructor

15 November – Book Review due. Turn in via Safe Assign.

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<sup>1</sup> Adapted from: Emerson 2013. (pg. 11-12)

<sup>2</sup> Based in part on Emerson 2013. (pg. 12)

**V. Critical Book Review Grade Sheet**

<b>Name:</b>	<b>Book Title:</b>
<b>Book Review #</b>	<b>Grade:</b>

1) Preliminary Matter

- A) Reviews turned in late will receive 10pts off each day late \_\_\_\_\_
- B) Loss of 5 points for excessive spelling and grammar errors (10+) \_\_\_\_\_
- C) Loss of 2 points for:
  - 1) Papers without an original title
  - 2) Papers without typed page numbers in upper right corner.
  - 3) Papers in a font other than Times New Roman or Cambria.

2) Substance of the Book Review

- A) Introduction (Total of 10 points) \_\_\_\_\_
  - 1) Introduces the topic, coverage and scope of the book (5 pts)
  - 2) Shows knowledge of author's background [historian, journalist, novelist etc...] (2.5pts)
  - 3) Shows knowledge of what audience the author wrote for [academia, students, general public etc...] (2.5 pts)
- B) Comprehension (Total of 75 Points) \_\_\_\_\_
  - 1) Shows knowledge of books thesis or theses (25 pts)
  - 2) Discusses each chapter of the book and the main points raised by author (35 pts)
  - 3) Evaluates the strengths and weaknesses of the book (15 pts)
  - 4) Assesses overall success of authors thesis or theses (5 pts)
- C) Conclusion (Total of 15 Points) \_\_\_\_\_
  - 1) Begins with "In Conclusion" (1 pts)
  - 2) Effective restatement of paper's topic. (7 pts)
  - 3) Final overall evaluation of book and recommendation for reading audience (7 pts)

**Appendix V: Geography Assignments**

**I: Learning Objective**

The geography assignments are designed to build knowledge and skills related to the study of history including but not limited to: Near Eastern, India or China physical & political geography, research skills, critical thinking, time management and writing in standard English.

**II. Directions**

Each week you will be assigned a physical or political geography that you will be asked research five basic questions on. The topics and questions for each week will be posted to Blackboard under assignments or to announcements. After completing the assignment you will need to save it as a MS Word document and turn in via Blackboard.

**III. Format**

Assignments need to be completed in Microsoft Word.

- Times New Roman or Cambria 12 point font only.
- Your Name, Date, HIST 3300-W01 and the assignment week need to be in the upper right-hand corner of the page.
- For full credit on the assignment you will need to complete the following:
  - A. Find a picture of the assigned geographic feature (What it looks like on a map).
  - B. Answer Question II
  - C. Answer Question III
  - D. Answer Question IV
  - E. Answer Question V

**IV. Geography Assignments Due Dates**

- Assignment 1 – 30 August
- Assignment 2 – 7 September
- Assignment 3 – 13 September
- Assignment 4 – 20 September
- Assignment 5 – 27 September
- Assignment 6 – 4 October
- Assignment 7 – 11 October
- Assignment 8 – 18 October
- Assignment 9 – 25 October
- Assignment 10 – 1 November

**V. Geography Assignments Grade Sheet**

Name:	Date:
Assignment Week:	Grade:

1) Preliminary Matter

- A) Loss of 1 points for excessive spelling and grammar errors (10+) \_\_\_\_\_
- B) Loss of 1 points for:
  - 1) Assignments without a name
  - 2) Assignments in a font other than Times New Roman or Cambria.
  - 3) Assignments without required title information

2) Substance of the Assignment (Total Possible Points = 10 points) \_\_\_\_\_

- A) Picture of Geographic Feature 2 points \_\_\_\_\_
- B) Question II 2 Points \_\_\_\_\_
- C) Question III 2 Points \_\_\_\_\_
- D) Question IV 2 Points \_\_\_\_\_
- E) Question V 2 Points \_\_\_\_\_

## Appendix VI: Concise Historical Content Notebooks

### I. Learning Objective

Historical content notebooks are designed to build knowledge and skills related to the study of history including, but not limited to: building historical knowledge, research skills, critical thinking, test preparation, time management and writing in standard English. For students on the History 7-12 or Social Studies 7-12 teacher certification track, these notebooks serve as test preparation for the World History portion of the TExES content exam. For students on the Core EC-6 teacher certification track, these notebooks serve as test preparation for the Social Studies portion of the TExES content exam.

### II. Directions

For each unit (Ancient, Classical, Late Antique, and Mediaeval/Byzantine) you will create a concise content study notebook for that historical period.

- For each unit you will be asked to identify the following:
  - 10 Key Dates,
  - 10 Key Terms,
  - 5 Historical Figures,
  - 5 Main Events,
  - 5 Historical States (Tribes, Kingdoms, Confederacies, Empires)
  - 5 Geographical Features.
- After identifying these you will need to define the terms, or identify the dates, events, figures, or features **IN YOUR OWN WORDS**.
- Next, you will be required to defend each choice and explain why you chose that particular date, event, figure, or feature, and how they are important in that historical period.
- Finally, for each historical figure, event, and geographical feature, find a picture.

### III. Format

Assignments need to be completed in Microsoft Word.

- Setting up the Document
  - Go to the **LAYOUT** tab and set your orientation to *Landscape*
  - Got to the **INSERT** tab and click on *Insert Header* → *Blank*
    - Type in Your Name, HIST 2301, Concise Historical Notebook, and the unit
    - Double-click in the main section of the document to close the Header
  - Got to the **INSERT** tab and click on *Add a Table*.
    - Select 2x8 cells for your table and click to create the table.
    - You will need to add more cells as you work on the notebook. When you have the table selected two additional tabs will appear on the control ribbon under **TABLE TOOLS – Design and Layout**.
    - Click on *Layout* → *Insert Below* to add rows to the table as needed.
- Building the Notebook
  - In the left-hand column will go your Key Date, Term, Historical Figure, Main Events, Historical States, and Geographic Features.
    - Hit **enter** and underneath write your identification or definition of the date, event, figure, or feature. Remember this **MUST** be in your own words.
  - In the right-hand column will go your defence and explanation of why you chose that particular date, event, figure, or feature.
    - Again hit **enter** and underneath explain why they are important in that particular historical period.
    - If an event, historical figure, or geographic feature you will need to find a picture or map and insert it below

**IV. Submission Instructions**

- Once you have completed the notebook for the unit save the notebook in the following format [Last Name\_HIST2301\_Unit\_Notebook]
- In Blackboard you will go to the Concise Historical Notebook assignment in the unit (Ancient, Classical, Late Antique, Mediaeval/Byzantine) and submit your notebook for grading.
- Notebooks will be submitted through SafeAssign to guard against plagiarism.

**V. Due Dates**

**VI. Concise Historical Content Notebook Grade Sheet**

<b>Name:</b>	<b>Historical Unit:</b>
	<b>Grade:</b>

- 1) Preliminary Matter
  - A) Notebooks turned in late will receive 10pts off each day late \_\_\_\_\_
  - B) Loss of 5 points for excessive spelling and grammar errors (10+) \_\_\_\_\_
  - C) Loss of 2 points for:
    - 1) Assignments without a name
    - 2) Assignments in a font other than Times New Roman or Cambria.
    - 3) Assignments without required title information
  
- 2) Substance of the Historical Notebook
  - A) Completion (Total of 20 points) \_\_\_\_\_
    - 1. Total of 10 Key Dates, 5 Historical Figures, 5 Main Events, 5 Historical States, 5 Geographic Features (15 pts)
    - 2. Total of 10 Key Terms (5pts)
  - B) Identification (Total of 20 Points) \_\_\_\_\_
    - 1. Accuracy – Definition or Identification is correct (10 pts)
    - 2. Originality – Definition or Identification is in own words (10pts)
  - C) Defence and Explanation (Total of 30pts)
    - 1. Defence of choice shows comprehension of importance (12 pts)
    - 2. Writer show sound rationale for selection (6 pts)
    - 3. Demonstration of importance to historical period (12pts)
  - D) Illustration (Total of 10 Points) \_\_\_\_\_
    - 4. All Historical Figures, Main Events, and Geographic Features have a visual depiction (5 pts)
    - 5. Visual Selection correctly matches figure, event, or feature (5 pts)