Spring 2006 West Valley College

History 5B: World History, 1500-Present.
Days/Times: Mondays, Wednesdays, 10:55A.M-12:20P.M.
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Course Description: This course is a comparative survey of World History as related to the development of the modern world. This course centers on the following themes: the origins and expansion of the global capitalist economy and the varied types of resistances to that expansion, the rise of secular/scientific thinking and politics, the transformation of religion in the modern world, the influence of technology. Five regions of the world surveyed include: Africa, Asia/Pacific Islands, Europe, North and South America. Historical analysis and interpretations will be surveyed through the lens of comparative examination of the economic, cultural, political, social and technological commonalities and differences between human societies. Students will examine the implications of race, gender, class, ethnicity, religion, disability and sexualities in human societies over time.


Grading: 2 Rough drafts (50 points/each); 2 Essays (100 points/each); 2 Midterms (100 points each); Geography assignments (170 points); Class participation/Attendance/Film Comments (200 points) and Final Examination* (200 points)

Total: 1070 points

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*Note to student: The amount of reading and writing necessary for completion of this course requires good study habits, primarily, memorization and note-taking skills. The basis of the students’ class participation grade is participation in the class room discussion of documents in our primary source reader, Documents in World History, Vol.2, comment on films shown in class and regular class attendance. Students will write two essays. There will be geography homework, two midterms and a final examination. There will be no make up midterm examinations. Failure to take the final examination will result in failing the course. Incomplete will only be earned in the case of documented illness or family emergency. Completion of coursework will be the students’ responsibility.

*Please do not bring ipods, pagers or cell phones to class. Use in class is prohibited*
**History 5B:** World History, from 1500 to present-**Course Schedule.**

**First Day:** Introduction to the course. What is Global History in the Modern Age?

**Reading Assignments**


**Week 5:** Traditions and Change in East Asia-the emergence of China and Japan. Bentley/Ziegler, *Encounters and Traditions*, Chapter 27 and *Map Workbook*, Chapter 27.

**Week 5:** Islamic Empires in Europe and Asia-the Ottoman, Safavid and Mughal Empires. Bentley/Ziegler, *Encounters and Traditions*, Chapters 28 and *Map Workbook* Chapter 28.


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Week 8: Fall of Islamic and Eastern Empires-The decline and crisis of the Chinese, Japanese, Ottoman and Russian Empires. Bentley/Ziegler, *Encounters and Traditions*, Chapter 32 and *Map Workbook* Chapter 32.


Week 10: World War I: European rivalries turn to war and revolution-the explanations for World War I, Revolution in Russia creates an alternative to capitalism and post-WWI Europe and its colonial empires. *Encounters and Traditions*, Chapter 34 and *Map Workbook*, Chapter 34.


Week 13: World War II and the Cold War-European Rivalries turn to World War II, military campaigns, settlement, post-war tensions lead to Cold War: Geopolitical Alignments and Realignments. *Encounters and Traditions*, Chapter 37,38 and *Map Workbook*, Chapter 37,38.


Examinations and Writing Assignments

Midterm 1-March 1, 2006
Midterm 2-April 5, 2006
Rough Draft 1-March 8, 2006
Final Draft 1-March 15, 2006
Rough Draft 2- May 3, 2006
Final Draft 2- May 17, 2006

Final Examination: Wednesday, May 24, 2006, 9:40-11:40A.M.

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