

WCV 101-04
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Graham 302
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This course will survey both chronologically and topically the growth of Western Civilization from its beginnings in the Mediterranean world of the Near East, of Greece and Rome, through the Middle Ages, to its fruition in Early Modern Europe. Our study will include religion, the arts, politics, economic trends, social arrangements—human activity in all its variety. Our civilization in the twenty-first century has its roots in the past. Knowing these roots is one way of understanding the present world.

1. Required text: Marvin Perry *et al.*, Western Civilization, Ideas, Politics & Society. Vol.I. This is available in paperback at the campus and Addams bookstores. All reading assignments are from this text. We will usually spend 2 class periods on each chapter. It is very important for you to read what we'll be covering BEFORE coming to class, i.e. read a half chapter before each class.
2. Attendance: You are expected to attend class regularly. After 5 unexcused absences, you will be dropped from the class. To be excused, you must contact me within 48 hours of your absence. Most acceptable excuse: you are too ill to come to class.
3. Research projects: Each of you will sign up to do a project, with an oral presentation. Instructions are given with the list of topics.
4. Tests and grades: There will be two one- hour tests, each worth 20%, your project which is worth 20%, and a final exam, which is 40% of your final grade. Study guides will be given to you for the tests and the exam.
5. This class follows a lecture format. You should be taking notes as you listen, and feel free to ask questions or make comments at any time.

CLASS SCHEDULE

1/12 Introduction
1/14 Ch.1, first civilizations
1/16 Video: *Pyramid*
1/19 NO CLASS
1/21 Ch.3, Greece: the city-states
1/23 Ch.3, Greece: the Golden age and its decline
1/26 Ch.4, Greek thought
1/28 Ch.4, Greek culture
1/30 Video: Greek art and architecture
*2/2 Reports from First civilizations
*2/4 Reports from Greek city-states
2/6 Ch.5, Alexander the Great
*2/9 Reports from Greek thought; Ch.5, Hellenistic Age
2/11 Ch.6, Early Rome: rise of the Republic
2/13 Ch.6, Republic in crisis: Julius Caesar
2/16 Ch.7, Roman Empire: the Peace of Rome

2/18 Ch.7, Decline and fall of the Empire; the coming of the barbarians
*2/20 Reports from Hellenistic Age
*2/23 Reports from Roman Republic
2/25 TEST
2/27 Ch.2, Judaism, birth of Christianity
3/1 Ch.8, Christianity becomes a world religion
*3/5 Reports from Roman Empire
SPRING BREAK
3/15 Ch.9, The Middle Ages: Byzantium, Islam, Latin Christendom
3/17 Ch.9, Charlemagne; feudalism
*3/17 Reports from Judaism AND from Christianity
3/19 Ch.10, The High Middle Ages: rise of states
3/22 Ch.10, Crusades; Innocent III
*3/24 Reports from Byzantium, Islam and Latin Christendom
3/26 Ch.11, Medieval thought
3/29 Ch.11, Medieval culture
*3/31 Reports from High Middle Ages
4/2 Ch.12, Black Death; 100 Years War
4/5 Ch.12, Crisis in the Church
*4/7 Reports from Medieval thought AND from Late Middle Ages
4/9 NO CLASS
4/12 Ch.13, Renaissance Europe
4/14 TEST
4/16 Ch.13, Renaissance culture
4/19 Video: Art of the High Renaissance
4/21 Ch.14, Reformation
4/23 Ch.14, Reformation and Counter-reformation
*4/26 Reports from Renaissance AND from Reformation
4/28 Ch.15, European expansion: the New World
*4/30 Report on Witchcraft. Ch.16: Spain and France
5/3 Ch.16, England, the growth of constitutional monarchy
5/4 Review

Exam: 5/7 at 8 am

