COURSE OUTLINE: W.C.V. 102

WESTERN CIVILIZATION, RELIGIOUS WARS OF THE SIXTEENTH CENTURY TO PRESENT

Part I:

Review of the Protestant Reformation through governments of the Seventeenth Century
a. Decline of the Church
b. The Protestant Reformation
c. Power struggles and religious wars
d. The Age of Reason
e. Absolutism
f. Political liberalism

TEST I

Part II:

The Rights of Man: Eighteenth Century Romanticism
a. Romanticism, intellectual assault on Absolutism
b. The American Revolution of 1776
c. The French Revolution 1789
d. The Napoleonic Wars

TEST II

Part III:

Congress of Vienna through the Unification of Germany
a. Putting Europe back together
b. Response to the Age of Metternich
c. Splendid Isolationism in England
d. Political and economic reform in England
e. The Revolutions of 1848
f. The Industrial Revolution
g. Communism and Socialism - Karl Marx
h. The Civil War in the United States

TEST III

Part IV

The unification of German and Italy through World War I
a. The Unification of Italy
b. The Unification of Germany
c. The Second Industrial Revolution
d. The "Cult of Science"
e. The race for Colonies - Economic Imperialism
f. The Spanish-American war 1898
g. Sino-American relations 1899-1900
h. Russo-Japanese War 1904
i. Revolution in Russia
j. Nationalism in the Balkans
k. "Blank Check" diplomacy
l. World War I
Part V

The League of Nations and Post-War problems through World War II

a. Failures of the League of Nations
b. Washington Naval Conference 1921-22
c. Militarism in Japan
d. Fascism in Italy
e. America and the "Roaring Twenties"
f. The Great Depression
g. America and the New Deal
h. Hitler and the Nazi Party of Germany
i. The Path to War
j. American Neutrality
k. World War II
l. Pearl Harbor: America enters the war
m. Atomic Bombs: The end of the War; Beginning of a new Era

Part VI

Cold War, Glasnost, and the end of the Soviet Empire.

a. The United Nations
b. The Cold War - The polarization of the World
c. The Marshall Plan and Containment
d. The Creation of Israel
e. Communism in China
f. The Korean War
g. NATO
h. The Suez Canal Crisis
i. Sputnik and the Arms race
j. Crisis in Cuba
k. Middle-East Crisis in 1967
l. The Vietnam War
m. The Persian Gulf War
n. Break-up of the Soviet Union
o. The end of the Cold War
p. The World in the Twenty-first century

FINAL EXAM