

HISTORY 218–The World in the Twentieth Century  
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Readings

Available at the University Bookstore (and many other locations):

Wiesner and others, Discovering the Twentieth-Century World: A Look at the Evidence (Discovering).

Hunt, The World Transformed, 1945 to the Present: A Documentary Reader (Hunt)

Other readings noted on the syllabus are available electronically on blackboard.

There is also a textbook on two-hour reserve at Jackson Library: Michael H. Hunt, The World Transformed: 1945 to the Present

Discussion Sections

Students in this class are signed up for one of four discussion sections, which meet on Mondays. Attendance at these discussion sections is mandatory. You are expected to do all assigned readings and be prepared to discuss them during the section meetings. Quizzes may be given periodically to test you on the readings. Your class participation grade will be based on your participation in the discussion sections and the grades for any reading quizzes you are given.

Schedule

January 10	1945: A Watershed Readings: Discovering, ch. 3, Hunt, p. 7-17.
January 12	1945: A Watershed
January 15	Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday
January 17	The Cold War Readings: Hunt, p. 21-40.
January 19	The Cold War, cont.

January 22	Sections
January 24	The Cold War, cont. Readings: Discovering, ch. 9; Hunt, p. 41-46.
January 26	The Soviet Union and Communist Europe
January 29	Sections Assignment # 1 due.
January 31	Cold War Society: The United States Readings: Hunt, p. 46-51, 63-69, 83-89, 180-183, 190-196.
February 2	The International Economy in the 1940s and 1950s
February 5	Sections
February 7	Globalization, part I Readings: Discovering, ch. 12; Hunt, p. 317-326.
February 9	Revolution in China
February 12	Sections Assignment # 2 due.
February 14	Revolution in China Readings, Hunt, p.90-106, 117-130, 268-272, 351-362; Singh, "Train to Pakistan"; Gandhi, "Civilization."
February 16	Independence in India
February 19	Midterm
February 21	The Vietnam Wars Readings: Hunt, p. 106-117, 155-165; Fitzgerald, "States of Mind."
February 23	The Vietnam Wars, cont.
February 26	Sections
February 28	Decolonization in Africa Hunt, p. 241-254; "Are Multi-Party Democratic Traditions Taking Hold in Africa"; Fieldhouse, "Black Africa 1945-1980."

March 2	Decolonization in Africa, cont.
March 5-9	Spring Break
March 12	Sections
March 14	South Africa Readings: Discovering, ch. 8; Hunt, p. 232-241, 364-375; Mandela, "The South African Freedom Charter."
March 16	The Iranian Revolution and Its Consequences
March 19	Sections Assignment #3 due.
March 21	Arab-Israeli-Palestinian Conflict Readings: Hunt, p. 375-398; "Israel's Proclamation of Independence"; "The Palestinian Declaration of Independence"; Chasteen, "Neoliberalism."
March 23	Latin America
March 26	Sections
March 28	Latin America Readings: Discovering, ch. 11; Hunt, p. 166-179, 254-261.
March 30	1968
April 2	Sections Assignment # 4 due.
April 4	Civil Rights and Feminism Readings: Discovering, ch. 10; Hunt, p. 207-230, 427-43.
April 6	Spring Holiday
April 9	Sections
April 11	The Cold War Comes to an End Readings: p. 276-316; Foer, "How Soccer Explains the Black Carpathians."
April 13	The Cold War Comes to an End, cont.

April 16	Sections
April 18	Globalization, Part II
April 20	Readings: <i>Discovering</i> , ch. 13; Hunt, p. 327-350, 399-408. The Balkan Wars and Ethnic Cleansing
April 23	Sections Assignment # 5 due
April 25	Genocide Readings: Hunt, p. 409-427; Meredith, "The Honour of Living"
April 27	The Middle East and International Conflict in the 21 <sup>st</sup> Century
April 30	Sections
May 4 (8:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m)	Final Exam

### Grading

Your final grade will be determined as follows:

Class Participation	20%
Mid-Term Exam	25%
Final Exam	30%
Writing Assignments for <i>Discovering the Twentieth-Century World</i>	25%

### Grading Scale:

A: 93-100	A-: 90-92
B+: 87-89	B: 83-86
B-: 80-82	C+: 77-79
C: 73-76	C-: 70-72
D+: 67-69	D: 63-66
D+: 60-62	F: 59 and lower

### Exams

Your mid-term and final exams will be a combination of identification and essay questions. The final exam will also contain a comprehensive essay question. The exams will be given in the lecture classroom, Graham 212.

## Map Quiz

Since an understanding of world history requires some basic knowledge about world geography, you are required to take a map quiz for this class. You need to make at least 90 percent on this quiz to pass this class. If you do not succeed on your first attempt, you will have additional opportunities to take the map quiz.

## Make-up exams

If you cannot take an exam on the scheduled dates, you must, if at all possible, contact me within forty-eight hours of the exam to schedule a makeup. You will also need to document your illness or emergency.

## Class attendance

Regular attendance at all lectures and discussion sections is expected. You are allowed three unexcused absences in this class. Excused absences, such as for illness or emergency, require documentation. Every unexcused absence after three will lower the student's final grade by one letter grade. More than five unexcused absences may result in the student being dropped from the course. Frequent tardiness is not allowed. Two tardies will count as one unexcused absence.

## Extra credit

There will be extra credit points available on each exam from questions drawn from current world events. So, read a newspaper that has good international coverage (such as The New York Times), or watch the news. In addition, there may be other opportunities to earn extra credit in this class by attending campus events relevant to what we are studying. These opportunities will be announced in class, but one already scheduled is a lecture on Thursday, April 12, at 7:30 p.m. in Curry Auditorium by Christopher Browning, "Holocaust Perpetrators Reconsidered: Fifteen Years after Ordinary Men."

## Other things you should know about this class

1. Please turn off all cell phones, pagers, beepers, or any other items that make noise before entering the classroom.
2. You can use a laptop in class to take notes or to access a website if directed by the instructor or TA. Other uses of your laptop are not approved. Anyone caught violating this policy will have the privilege of bringing a laptop to class revoked for the remainder of the semester.
3. Anyone caught cheating or plagiarizing will receive an "F" for the course. The out-of-class writing assignments do not require that you consult any outside materials. If you do consult outside materials, make sure that you use them only for deep background understanding, not as the basis for your essays. Your essays should be based on your own ideas, conceived after

reading the assigned chapters in the Wiesner book, and written in your own words. For more on the University's Academic Integrity Policy, go to the following website:<http://studentconduct.uncg.edu/policy/academicintegrity/>  
<http://academicintegrity.uncg.edu/complete/>

4. No incompletes will be allowed as final grades for this course, except in the most dire, unavoidable, and tragic of circumstances.