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Required Texts:

Mark Kishlansky, Civilization in the West
Voltaire, Candide.
Materials on Electronic Reserve

Requirements:

All students are expected to read the assignments according to the schedule below. In order to insure that the assignments are read there will be a quiz on each section of the readings on the first day listed in the schedule. Your quiz average will count for 15% of your final grade, and class participation will count 10%. In addition each student will pick one of the following options by Tuesday 21 January. Students are urged to read the Xavier University Catalog for writing standards and for academic honesty. All written work for this course must be the product of the student submitting it and it must be written for this course.

Option I: Three take home examinations. These essays are based on class notes and material from the texts. Outside sources are not to be used. The first essay is due on Tuesday 11 February and the second essay on Tuesday 5 April and the final on 6 May for the 8:30 section and 8 May for the 10:00 section.

Option II: Two take home examinations. The first essay is due on Tuesday 11 February and the final essay on 6 or May.

Option III: A ten to fifteen page research paper may be substituted for the midterm exam. The topic of the paper must be discussed with and approved by the instructor. The paper is due on 8 April. The final exam is due according to the above schedule. All history majors will do Option III unless they can prove that they have already learned how to write a research paper.

Option IV: The student may substitute five (5) book reviews in place of the midterm exam. Three reviews are due before 18 February. The other reviews are due in on or before 1 April. The final exams are due in according to the above schedule.

Attendance:

Attendance is required for this course. Each student will be allowed four unexcused cuts. For each absence after that, one point per absence will be subtracted from the final grade. Attendance will be taken at the beginning of each class; if you are absent when attendance is taken and appear in class late, you are
responsible for making sure that you are marked present.

Reading Schedules:


18 February – 11 March Kishlansky, pp. 532 - 617; (Quiz 18 Feb.) Voltaire, Candide; (Quiz 20 February) Knoebel, pp. 83-94, 154-201. (Quiz 11 March).

13 - 25 March Kishlansky, pp. 618 - 683; (Quiz 13 March.); Knoebel, pp. 202-280. (Quiz 20 March)

27 March – 8 April Kishlansky, pp. 684 - 743; (Quiz 27 March); Knoebel, pp. 323-420. (Quiz 8 April)

10– 17 April Kishlansky, pp. 744 - 805; (Quiz 10 April); Knobel, pp. 421-534. (Quiz 17 April)

22 April -1May Knobel, pp. 546-596, 654, 657- 660.(Quiz 22 April)

HISTORY DEPARTMENT GRADING POLICY

A: Exceptionally well written and well-organized, strong argument, excellent analysis, insight into material, offering significant evidence and material as support, not repetitive or regurgative.

B: By comparison this paper is not as well written, is lacking in one way or another (compared to an “A”), may exhibit some mastery of the material but is often repetitive or regurgative.

C: Deficient in writing or organization, marked by paucity of sources, “satisfactory,” lacking analysis.

D: Serious flaws in any or many of the areas mentioned above.

F: Didn’t answer the question, incoherent, entirely missed the nature/goal of the assignment.
A = 93-100, A- = 90-92, B+ = 87-89, B = 80-82, B- = 80-82, C+ = 77-79, C = 73-76, C- = 70-72, D = 60