Daily Schedule for History 104: Western Civilization to 1650

Please note that I reserve the right to alter any aspect of this calendar as necessary! Changes to the schedule will be announced in class and/or via email, so it is critical that you attend regularly, consult with others in class should you have any absence, and read your email daily. You should have *read the chapters in our main text and in the Sources Reader by the date we begin covering them*. The assignments are due on the date that they appear on the schedule, so read and work ahead! You are advised to *email your assignments to yourself* so that if you have access or printing problems once you get on campus, you will at least have the assignment in your email account and can show me as much. Finally, please remember that *handwritten assignments will not be accepted*.

M – 26 Aug. – Introduction to the course.

W – 28 Aug. – Discussion about Reader Response assignments; **Read:** Dating System, pp. xlvii-xlvi and the Prologue, pp. 1-14 in the main text; Sources Reader pp. 1-13

F – 30 Aug. – Lecture: Early Civilizations, from Mesopotamia to Egypt; **Read:** Chapter 1, pp. 3-27 and all of Chapter 1 in the Sources Reader

M – 2 Sept. – **Labor Day – No Class**

W – 4 Sept. – Lecture: The Assyrian and Babylonian Empires; **Read:** Chapter 2, pp. 37-41; **Assignment:** Reader Response for Sources Reader Chapter 1, document number 2: *The Code of Hammurabi* AND document number 4: *Egyptian Scribal Exercise Book*.

F – 6 Sept. – Lecture: Early Greece; **Read:** Chapter 1, pp. 25-31 and Chapter 2, pp. 47-71; all of Chapter 2 in the Sources Reader; **Assignment:** Reader Response for Source Reader Chapter 2, document number 4: *Tyrtaeus of Sparta and Solon of Athens*.

M – 9 Sept. – Lecture: The Decline of Persia and the Golden Age of Greece; **Read:** Chapter 2, pp. 41-44 and all of Chapter 3 in both texts; **Assignment:** Reader Response for Sources Reader Chapter 3, document number 1: Thucydides, *The Funeral Oration of Pericles* PLUS one other document of your choosing.

W – 11 Sept. – Lecture: From the Classical to the Hellenistic World: Philip II of Macedonia and Alexander the Great; **Read:** Chapters 4


M – 16 Sept. – Lecture: Greek and Roman Art and Architecture; **Read:** Sources Reader, pp. 107-109

W – 18 Sept. – Lecture: The Rise of Rome; **Read:** Chapters 5

M – 23 Sept. – *(Census – last day to add or drop a class; also last day to change from grade option to audit)*

W – 25 Sept. – **First Exam**

F – 27 Sept. – Lecture: The Roman Empire – Politics, Christianity, and Everyday Life; **Read:** Chapters 6

M – 30 Sept. – **Assignment:** Sources Reader Chapter 6 – Reader Response for document 2: *Notices and Graffiti Describe Life in Pompeii* AND document 3: *Tacitus, Germania*

W – 1 Oct. – Lecture: The Transformation of the Roman Empire; **Read:** Chapters 7

F – 3 Oct. – **Assignment:** come prepared to discuss the documents in chapter 7 of the Sources Reader – there is likely to be a quiz; **Film Review Assignment Due**

M – 7 Oct. – Lecture: Islam; **Read:** Chapters 8


F – 11 Oct. – Lecture: The Dark Ages? Sutton Hoo, Beowulf, and the Lindisfarne Gospels; **Read:** Chapters 9


F – 18 Oct. – Lecture: Big City Lights; **Read:** Chapters 10

M – 21 Oct. – Lecture: Monasticism and Medieval Religion; **Read:** Sources Reader Chapter 7, document 3: Benedict of Nursia, *The Rule of St. Benedict*, and Chapter 11, document 4: Franciscan Piety: St. Francis and St. Clare of Assisi, *Selected Writing*; *(Last day to change from grade option to Credit/No Credit)*


M – 28 Oct. – Second Exam

W – 30 Oct. – Lecture: Medieval Education, Art and Literature; Read: Chapters 11

F – 1 Nov. – Assignment: Sources Reader Chapter 11 – Reader Response for document 2, Medieval University Life (including the poems), and document 3: Chretien de Troyes, Lancelot: The Knight of the Cart

M – 4 Nov. – Lecture: The Great Schism and the Rise of Dissent; Read: Chapters 12 and Chapter 13 pp. 423-426; Sources Reader, Chapter 13, document 4: Jan Hus, Letters; (Last day to withdraw from a class with an approved serious and compelling reason)


F – 8 Nov. – Lecture: The Plague; Read: Chapters 13

M – 11 Nov. – “Peace shall commence at the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month” – Veteran’s Day – No Class


F – 15 Nov. – Lecture: The Renaissance

M – 18 Nov. – The Renaissance cont.

W – 20 Nov. – Lecture: Exploration and Colonization; Read: Chapters 14; Assignment: Sources Reader Chapter 13 – Reader Response for document 1: Bernal Diaz del Castillo, The True History of the Conquest of New Spain

F – 22 Nov. –

M-F 25-29 Nov. – Thanksgiving – No Class

M – 2 Dec. – Lecture: The Protestant Reformation

F – 6 Dec. – Lecture: The Wars of Religion

M – 9 Dec. –

W – 11 Dec. – Discussion of Film Reviews

F – 13 Dec. – Third Exam

Final Exam Period: Wednesday 18 Dec., 12:40-2:30 p.m. I will be using this period to hand back the third exam (as well as anything else still uncollected) and to conference with students about their performance in this class.