

History 2701H

# World Civilizations I (Honors)

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*Fall 2008*  
*MWF 2:30-3:20 LeConte 322*

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**Texts:** *Annual Editions, World History, vol. 1 (9<sup>th</sup> edition)*  
Reilly, *Worlds of History* vol. 1 (3<sup>rd</sup> edition)  
Mitchell, *Taking Sides*, vol. 1 (3<sup>rd</sup> edition)  
McKay et al, *A History of World Societies* vol. 1  
Rampolla, *A Pocket Guide to Writing in History* (5th edition)

## Class Schedule & Reading Assignments

### Week 1: (8/18-8/22)

Monday: What Are We Doing Here? Introduction & Course Mechanics

Wednesday: "What is History?"

**Readings:**

<http://www.hamilton.edu/academics/resource/wc/WritingGoodHistoryPaper.pdf>

<http://academic.bowdoin.edu/WritingGuides/>

Friday: Video, "Tales of the Human Dawn"

### Week 2: (8/25-8/30)

Monday: Becoming Human

**Readings:**

*Mitchell, ch. 1*

*Annual Editions, chs. 1 & 2*

Wednesday: Video, "Native Land"

Friday: The First Americans

**Readings:**

*Mitchell, ch. 3*

*Annual Editions, chs. 3-5*

### **Week 3 (9/1-9/5)**

Monday: Labor Day – No Class

Wednesday: The Origins of Patriarchy? (Part I)

**Readings:**

*Reilly, ch. 1*

Friday: The Origins of Patriarchy? (Part II)

**Readings:**

*Mitchell, ch. 2*

*Annual Editions, ch. 9*

### **Week 4 (9/8-9/12)**

Monday: Video, “Mesopotamia: Return to Eden”

Wednesday: Video, “Africa: A History Denied”

Friday: Civilizations & the Urban Revolution **1<sup>st</sup> Take-home thing handed out**

**Readings:**

*Reilly, ch. 2*

*Annual Editions, chs. 7-8, 10, 11-14*

### **Week 5 (9/15-9/19)**

Monday: Was Alexander Really All That Great?

**Readings:**

*Mitchell, ch. 4*

*Annual Editions, chs. 15-18*

Wednesday: Identity in Caste & Territory **1<sup>st</sup> Take-home thing due!**

**Readings:**

*Reilly, ch. 3*

Friday: **No Class**

### **Week 6 (9/22-9/26)**

Monday: Video, “First Blood”

Wednesday: The Origins of War

**Readings:**

*Annual Editions, ch. 6*

Friday: Women In Classical Societies

**Readings:**

*Reilly, ch. 5*

**Week 7 (9/29-10/3)**

Monday: Video, "Empires & Armies"

Wednesday: China & Rome

**Readings:**

*Reilly, ch. 4*

Friday: The Advent of World Religions

**Readings:**

*Reilly, ch. 6*

*Annual Editions, chs. 19-23, 25*

**Week 8 (10/6-10/10)**

Monday: Video, "Confucius"

**Readings:**

*Annual Editions, ch. 24*

Wednesday: The Spread of World Religions **2<sup>nd</sup> Take-home thing handed out**

**Readings:**

*Reilly, ch. 7*

*Mitchell, ch. 5*

Friday: **No Class**

**Week 9 (10/13-10/17)**

Monday: The Roman Legacy **2<sup>nd</sup> Take-home thing due!**

**Readings:**

*Mitchell, chs. 5 & 7*

*Annual Editions, chs. 26, 28, 29*

Wednesday: Video, "Lost Kingdoms of the Maya"

Friday: What Happened to the Maya?

**Readings:**

*Mitchell, ch. 8*

*Annual Editions, ch. 27*

### **Week 10 (10/20-10/24)**

Monday: Video, "The Birth of the Middle Ages"

Wednesday: Medieval Civilizations

**Readings:**

*Reilly, ch. 8*

Friday: Love & Marriage

**Readings:**

*Reilly, ch. 9*

### **Week 11 (10/27-10/31)**

Monday: The Crusades

**Readings:**

*Reilly, ch. 10*

Wednesday: The Black Death

**Readings:**

*Reilly, ch. 12*

Friday: **Fall Break – No Class**

### **Week 12 (11/3-11/7)**

Monday: Video, "Mongols: Storm from the East"

Wednesday: Mongols & Vikings **3<sup>rd</sup> Take-home thing handed out**

**Readings:**

*Reilly, ch. 11*

Friday: **No class**

### **Week 13 (11/10-11/14)**

Monday: Arab Science

**Readings:**

*Mitchell, ch. 10*

*Annual Editions, ch. 30*

Wednesday: Cites, 1000-1500 **3<sup>rd</sup> Take-home thing due!**

**Readings:**

*Reilly, ch. 13*

Friday: Did Women Benefit from the Renaissance?

**Readings:**

*Mitchell, ch. 11*

**Week 14 (11/17-11/21)**

Monday: Ecology, Technology & Science

**Readings:**

*Reilly, ch. 14*

*Annual Editions, ch. 33*

Wednesday: China Turns Inward

**Readings:**

*Mitchell, ch. 223*

*Annual Editions, ch. 31*

Friday: Witch Hunts & Misogyny

**Readings:**

*Mitchell, ch. 16*

**Week 15 (11/24-11/28) Thanksgiving Break**

**Week 16 (12/1-12/5)**

Monday: Evaluating Martin Luther

**Readings:**

*Mitchell, ch. 15*

Wednesday: Evaluating Christopher Columbus

**Readings:**

*Mitchell, ch. 14*

*Annual Editions, chs. 34, 35, 37-40*

Friday: Was the Scientific Revolution Revolutionary?

**Readings:**

*Mitchell, ch. 17*

**Week 17 (12/8-12/12)**

Monday: Did the West Define the Modern World?

**handed out**

**4<sup>th</sup> Take-home thing**

**Readings:**

*Mitchell, ch. 18*

*Annual Editions, ch. 36*

Friday : Final papers due by 3:30!!!

## Course Requirements:

- ▶ Your most important responsibility for this course is to read and think about the assignments carefully, and to come to class prepared to discuss the readings in depth. This is a colloquium; there will be no lectures. *The success of this course depends on the efforts you put into it from class to class.* As you read the assignments, identify the main themes and ideas the authors present and the information they offer to support these points. Evaluate the merits and weaknesses of the authors' positions and/or of their arguments. Think about how the ideas and facts presented contrast, reinforce, clarify, call into question, or otherwise relate to knowledge gained in previous classes, other courses, outside readings, and the like. As you read, take notes and jot down questions that will facilitate discussion in class.
- ▶ *Class attendance and participation will count for about 20% of your final grade*
- ▶ The remaining 80% of your final grade will be based on four written "Take-home Things," each counting for about 20% of your grade.
- ▶ All papers must be word-processed (double-spaced); and *must* follow the style sheet handed out at the beginning of the term. ***Papers that do not comply with these guidelines will be penalized 10%.***
- ▶ ***Warning!! Warning!!*** All deadlines are to be taken seriously! Extensions will be given only in dire circumstances and only if approved in advance. Late papers will be penalized.
- ▶ UGA's official policy on academic honesty can be found at: [http://www.uga.edu/ovpi/academic\\_honesty/culture\\_honesty.htm](http://www.uga.edu/ovpi/academic_honesty/culture_honesty.htm) You and you alone are responsible for adhering to this code. The penalties for academic dishonesty are severe, and ignorance is not an acceptable defense. If I suspect you have violated the code of academic honesty, you will be subjected to the university's official adjudication process.

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