

History 4400/6400  
The Age of World Wars I & II  
Dr. John Morrow  
Fall Semester, 2010

Introduction

Class Meetings: WK I, T R 8/17, 19

Part I. Armageddon. The Great War of 1914-1918 from Origins through Aftermath.

A. Overview of the War, 1870-1924

Class Meetings: WK II, T R 8/24, 26  
WK III, T R 8/31, 9/2  
WK IV, T 9/7

Reading: John Morrow, *The Great War*

Writing Requirement: 75-minute examination on the First World War  
Tuesday, 9/7.

B. Memoir Literature of the Great War

Class Meetings: WK IV, R 9/9  
WK V, T R 9/14, 16  
WK VI, T R 9/21, 23  
WK VII, T R 9/28, 30

Reading: Robert Graves, *Good-bye to All That*  
Ernst Jünger, *The Storm of Steel*

Writing Requirement: 6-page paper on Graves and Jünger.  
Assigned R 9/16, due R 9/30.

Part II. Interwar and the Origins of War in Asia and Europe, 1919-1937/1939-1941.

Class Meetings: WK VIII, T R 10/5, 7 [Mid-Semester]  
WK IX, T R 10/12, 14

Reading: Iris Chang, *The Rape of Nanking*

Part III. World War II, 1941-1945

A. The War in Europe, with Emphasis on the Eastern Front

Class Meetings: WK X, T R 10/19, 21  
WK XI, T R 10/26, 28 [Fall Break, F 10/29]  
WK XII, T R 11/2, 4

Reading: Omer Bartov, *Hitler's Army*  
Richard Overy, *Russia's War*

Writing Requirement: 6-page paper on Bartov and Overy.  
Assigned R 10/21, due R 11/14.

B. The War in Asia and the Pacific

Class Meetings: WK XIII, T R 11/9, 11  
WK XIV, T R 11/16, 18  
WK XV, T R 11/23, 25 [Thanksgiving. No Class]  
WK XVI, T R 11/30, 12/2

Reading: Review Chang, *Nanking*

Michael C. C. Adams, *The Best War Ever*  
John Dower, *War without Mercy*  
E. B. Sledge, *With the Old Breed*

Writing Requirement: 10-page paper on Chang, Adams, Dower, and Sledge.

Assigned R 11/18, due T 12/14.

#### Part IV. Overview

Final Examination Period Class Period: T 12/14, 3:30-5:30pm

The course has no final examination. However, **attendance** at the final discussion is **MANDATORY**.

Required Books: John Morrow, *The Great War*  
Robert Graves, *Good-bye to All That*  
Ernst Jünger, *The Storm of Steel*  
Iris Chang, *The Rape of Nanking*  
Omer Bartov, *Hitler's Army*  
Richard Overy, *Russia's War*  
Michael C.C. Adams, *The Best War Ever*  
John Dower, *War without Mercy*  
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You will need to read 150 pp.+ weekly in order to keep up with the reading, be prepared for class discussion, review for examinations, and write papers.

Grade: A. Each of the **four** writing assignments counts **25%** of your grade.

B. Graduate students and undergraduate students who wish to receive credit for the Honors or Graduate Option of the class must read 2-3 additional books and write an additional 8-page paper on them due by T 12/14. Each of the **five** writing assignments will count **20%** of your grade.

Turn your papers in **on time**. Unless you have a prior excuse acceptable to me, the penalty for late papers is **5** points a day, and after a week you receive a **0** for that grade.

History 4400/6400 is a lecture/discussion class, so feel free to ask questions about the material and to participate in class discussion. A strong record of consistent and intelligent participation will help your grade. The success of any course is predicated on the cooperative sharing of knowledge between professor and student and among students. Come prepared, and I hope you will find the class challenging, stimulating, and rewarding.

Good luck!

Dr. John Morrow