

H 113 History of Western Civilization I (Section 20138) Dr. Thomas A. Mason
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Spring semester 2007 Classroom: Cavanaugh Hall 235
Thursdays, 6:00–8:40 PM Cubicle: 313 E, Cavanaugh Hall
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Texts (which all students are required to purchase):

Kishlansky, Mark, Patrick Geary, and Patricia O'Brien. *A Brief History of Western Civilization: The Unfinished Legacy, volume I: To 1715*. 5th edition. New York: Pearson Longman, 2007. The 4th edition (2005) is also acceptable.

Xenophon, *The Persian Expedition*. Translated by Rex Warner with an introduction and notes by George Cawkwell. New York: Penguin Books, 1972.

Bede et al., *The Age of Bede*. Translated by J. F. Webb, edited with an introduction by D. H. Farmer. New York: Penguin Books, 2004.

Machiavelli, Niccolò. *The Prince*. Translated with notes by George Bull, introduction by Anthony Grafton. New York: Penguin Books, 2003.

Course objectives: This course is designed to instill an awareness of the origins and development of Western Civilization from its ancient origins through the early modern period. The course is designed to implement and support the IUPUI Principles of Undergraduate Learning (http://www.iupui.edu/academic/undergrad_principles.html): core communication and quantitative skills; critical thinking; integration and appreciation of knowledge; intellectual depth, breadth, and adaptiveness; understanding society and culture; and values and ethics.

Course requirements: You will write reports on Xenophon (a descriptive essay, 500–700 words), Bede (an explanatory essay, 750–1,000 words), and Machiavelli (an analytical essay, 750–1,000 words), according to an outline that I will provide, due on the dates listed below, and **will not be accepted late**.

Quizzes and examinations: There will be three quizzes (short-answer identifications), a mid-semester examination (essay and matching), and a final examination (two essays and matching). These will cover the contents of the textbook, lectures, and books assigned for review. The History Department provides bluebooks for quizzes and examinations.

Weighting of course requirements for grade: Quizzes (10% x 3 = 30%); book reviews (10% x 3 = 30%); examinations (15% x 2 = 30%); class participation = 10%.

Attendance: Attendance at lectures is mandatory and directly affects performance on examinations, and unexcused absence will do you no good. I will take the roll of attendance, and class participation will be considered in the calculation of your grade. Except for emergency reasons, makeup examinations will not ordinarily be given. It is up to the decision of the instructor if you will be permitted to make up an examination that you have missed.

Academic Honesty: You warrant and represent that in-class quizzes and examinations, and book reviews prepared outside of class, are your own work. You warrant and represent that any words not within quotation marks, and/or otherwise attributed, are your own. Any variation from this standard becomes a false representation, which is an offense under the Code of Student Rights, Responsibilities, and Conduct in the IUPUI Campus Bulletin (<http://bulletin.iupui.edu/2004-html/intro/conduct.html>). Cheating and plagiarism will not be tolerated in this class, and I will explain the correct way to acknowledge the words and ideas of others. If you have any questions on this or any other subjects, please ask!

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Date	Lecture topics (Approximate)	Textbook (Kishlansky et al. Chapter)
January 11	Introduction. What is a civilization?	
	The Earliest Civilizations: Mesopotamia, Egypt, Israel, Assyria	1
18	Quiz ; Early Greece and Persia	2
25	Classical and Hellenistic Greece; The World of Xenophon	3
February 1	Book review (descriptive essay) due: Xenophon	
	Republican Rome	4
8	Quiz ; Imperial Rome	5
15	Western and Eastern Christianity	6–7
22	Mid-semester Examination ; The World of Bede	
March 1	Book review (explanatory essay) due: Bede	
	Islam	
8	The Carolingian Empire	8
	The West Encounters the East: Feudalism and the Crusades	9
15	Spring Break	
22	The Plague and the Reconquest	10
	The Renaissance: The Rediscovery of Antiquity	11
29	Visit to the Indianapolis Museum of Art	
	4000 Michigan Road. Meet inside main entrance.	
April 5	The Seaborne Empires: Portugal and Spain	12
	The World of Machiavelli	
12	Book review (analytical essay) due: Machiavelli	
	The Reformations: The Rediscovery of the Patristic Age	13
19	Quiz ; The Wars of Religion and the Thirty Years War	14
26	Economy and Society; Absolutism and Resistance	15–16
May 3	Final Examination, 5:45–7:45 PM	

Remember: "The past isn't dead; it isn't even past." —William Faulkner, *Requiem for a Nun* (1951)