

History 152 – World History II  
The World From 1500  
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**Course Information**

**Course Description:** History 152 is the second half of a two-semester series of courses that cover human history from our earliest origins through the twentieth century. This course provides an introduction to world history since 1500 CE. Emphasis will be placed on the growth of and response to global empires, as well as on the major revolutions which characterize the modern world. Global integration, political revolutions, economic, scientific, and philosophical changes will be examined.

**Expectations:** Students who complete this course will

Demonstrate an understanding of the causes and consequences of global exploration, contact, trade and empire

Demonstrate an understanding of how human factors such as religion, warfare, trade and technology affect world history.

Demonstrate an understanding of how non-human factors such as disease and geography affect world history.

Explain the causes, nature, and impacts of the political, economic, scientific, and industrial revolutions in the modern era.

Analyze primary source documents.

Describe the extent, nature, and impact of cross-cultural interaction

**Exams and Grading:** There will be three tests and a final examination. Students are also expected to read and participate in discussions about *The 47 Ronin Story* by John Allyn and *All Quiet on the Western Front* by Erich Maria Remarque. There will also be an in-class quiz about each reading. Missed tests and quizzes must be made up within seven days. It is the student's responsibility to schedule a time to complete the work. Regular attendance is expected and can factor into your grade. Excessive absenteeism (more than 5 unexcused absences) may lower your grade.

The final grade will be calculated from 400 points, divided as follows:

- 3 Tests: 200 points total
- 2 Book Quizzes: 80 points total
- 1 Final Exam: 120 points

Grades will be assigned based on the following scale:

- 360-400 points – A
- 320-359 points – B
- 280-319 points – C
- 240-279 points – D
- Fewer than 240 – F

**Course Textbooks:**

Bentley & Ziegler, *Traditions and Encounters: A Global Perspective on the Past*, Vol. 2  
John Allyn, *The 47 Ronin Story*  
Erich Maria Remarque, *All Quiet on the Western Front*

**Academic Honesty:** All work turned in for a grade must be the work of the student. Academic dishonesty will not be tolerated. Cheating on examinations or plagiarism will result in failure of the class and can result in expulsion from the College.

**Disabilities:** If you have a disability and have not voluntarily disclosed the nature of your disability and the support that you need, you are invited to contact the Counseling and Advising Office at 245-8212.

**Lecture and Reading Schedule** (Subject to Revision)

**Week 1:** Off the edge of the world: Transoceanic exploration  
Reading: Bentley & Ziegler, Ch. 22

**Week 2:** Shot through the heart! Aztec society and the conquest of Mexico  
Reading: Bentley & Ziegler, Ch. 24

**Week 3: Martin Luther King Day – No Class Monday January 21<sup>st</sup>**  
Out of Africa: Plantations and the slave trade  
Reading: Bentley & Ziegler, Ch. 25

**Week 4: Test – Wednesday January 30<sup>th</sup>**

**Week 5: Losing My Religion: Medieval Christianity and the Reformation**  
Reading: Bentley & Ziegler, Ch. 23, 29

**Week 6:** You say you want a revolution? Global Political Changes  
Reading: Bentley & Ziegler, Ch. 29, 31

**Week 7: Presidents' Day – No Classes Monday February 18<sup>th</sup>**  
Bound feet and barbarian hordes: Ming and Qing dynasty China  
Reading: Bentley & Ziegler, Ch. 26

**Week 8: Test – Wednesday February 27<sup>th</sup>**  
**No Classes Friday March 1<sup>st</sup>**  
Reading: Allyn, *The 47 Ronin Story*

**Week 9: Quiz: *The 47 Ronin Story* Friday March 8<sup>th</sup>**  
The Last Samurai: Tokugawa Era Japan  
Reading: Bentley & Ziegler, Ch. 26

**Week 10: Orient express: Islamic Empires**  
Reading: Bentley & Ziegler, Ch. 27

**Week 11: Workin' 9 to 5: Industrial society**  
Reading: Bentley & Ziegler, Ch. 29

**Week 12: Spring Break!!**

**Week 13 Test – Wednesday April 3<sup>rd</sup>**

**Week 14: So you want to take over the world: Industry and Imperialism**  
Reading: Bentley & Ziegler, Ch. 32

**Week 15: Great War, or the GREATEST war? World War I**  
Reading: Remarque, *All Quiet on the Western Front*  
Bentley & Ziegler, Ch. 33, 34

**Quiz: *All Quiet on the Western Front*, Wednesday April 17<sup>th</sup>**

**Week 16: Stop worrying and love the Bomb: World War II and the postwar world**  
Reading: Bentley & Ziegler, Ch. 36, 37

**Week 17: Review**

**Final Exam:**