Syllabus for History 1101: Western Civilization I

I. General Information
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Credit Hours: 03

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II. Course Description
History 1101 is a survey course designed to provide the student with an overview of European history beginning with the ancient civilizations in the Near and Middle East and ending with the conclusion of the Thirty Years War in 1648. Successful completion of English 1101 with a grade of “C” or better prior to enrollment in this course is strongly recommended because the course requires reading and writing skills.

III. Textbook/Materials

Supplemental Readings:

**Section One**  
The Epic of Gilgamesh

**Section Two**  
The Song of Roland

**Section Three**  
The Prince by Niccolo Machiavelli

IV. Course Objectives
Students will:

a. Describe key events and leading concepts in Western Civilization  
b. Identify and examine the principal epochs in ancient and medieval European history  
c. Explore the fundamental changes in European life  
d. Analyze the formation of modern Western society and culture  
e. Gain a greater understanding of contemporary political issues and enhanced interest in citizenship  
f. Develop critical thinking skills in evaluating historical events and historical writings
V. Course Requirements
All students will read all of the textbooks assigned and complete at least one midterm exam and a final exam. Attendance and participation in small group discussion is also required.

Exam 1……………………….20%
Exam 2……………………… 20%
Paper……………………….. 25%
   Thesis Statement
   Evidence
On-Line Discussion…………..10%
Quizes/In Class Assignments…15%
Attendance…………………10%

VI. Grading
The grading for this course will follow the grading scale as shown below:

90-100% = A
80-89% = B
70-79% = C
60-69% = D
Below 59% = F

A note about +/-  I give +/- but CNM does not. This means that you should always keep the above scores in your head!

Total number of points for this class is as follows:

Exam #1 = 200 points = 20% of the grade
Exam #2 = 200 points = 20% of the grade
Papers = 250 points = 25% of the grade
Quizes   = 150 points = 15% of the grade
On Line Assignments = 100 points = 10% of Grade
Attendance = 100 points = 10% of the grade

Total # of points: 1000 100% of the grade
In the event CNM closes during finals week, final grades for students will be calculated based on all work assessed up to that point in the course.

**Papers**
You will write one paper for this class. You will first hand in and discuss your thesis statement and then hand in and discuss the evidence you have for your paper with your classmates. You cannot receive credit for a final paper without handing in these steps. Your paper will be three to five pages double-spaced in Times New Roman with one-inch margins. **LATE PAPERS ARE GRADED DOWN 10% PER DAY.** You will discuss your thesis and example for your paper in small groups discussion in class. Papers will be due at the end of the first and last section of the class (see syllabus).

**Tests**
We will have two exams in this class. The mid term will test information from the beginning of class until week before the exam. The final will test information after the mid term until week 14. There will be one cumulative essay question on the final exam. **Students must attend each exam.**

**VII. Course Expectations**
Students will develop listening and speaking skills in class participation. Students are expected to attend class regularly and arrive promptly, and to assume responsibility for their assignments. In addition, they are expected to display courteous behavior with respect for their instructor and fellow students and honesty in their academic and personal interactions.

**VIII. STUDENTS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS**
Students with documented disabilities who need special accommodation in the classroom should contact Special Services for assistance, 224-3259. Also, students should tell the instructor if they have special needs because of learning or other disabilities. For personal counseling, contact Merry Guild at main campus, 224-3271.

**IX. Suggested Schedule of Assignments/Readings by Week**

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1.17 Intro  
1.19 Early Civilizations | Chapter One  
**Begin Gilgamesh** |
| 2    | Tigris and Euphrates river valley  
1.24 Mesopotamia  
1.26 Discussion of Gilgamesh | Finish Gilgamesh  
**Quiz/In Class Assignment** |
3  Egypt and Persia
   1.31 Egypt                                    Chapter Two
   2.2 Persia

4  The Rise of Greek Civilization               Chapter Three
   2.7 Rise of Greece
   2.9 Classical Greece  Begin “The Cave”

5  Greece Continued                             Chapter Four
   2.14 Hellensitic Greece
   2.16 Discussion of Plato.  Finish “The Cave”

6  Roman Republic                                Chapter 4
   2.21 Rise of Roman Republic
   2.23 Paper Thesis Due Discussion

7  The Roman Empire                              Chapter 5
   2.28 Emperors good and bad
   3.02 East West and the Fall  First Paper Due

8  Mid-Term                                     Chapter 10
   3.07 Mid-Term Review
   3.09 MIDTERM  Start Song of Roland

9  SPRING BREAK

10 Rise of Islam/ al andalus                    Chapter 8
    3.21 Rise of Islam
    3.23 Al Andalus

11 Charlemagne and the Vikings
    3.28 The Carolingians, Chaos, and the Vikings
    3.30 In class quiz/Discussion Song of Roland  Finish Song of Roland

12 Crusades and Black Death                     Chapter 10
    3.04 Crusades
    3.06 The Black Death  p.410-413
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Final Time and Place TBA BETWEEN MAY 8-12