

COMPARATIVE CIVILIZATIONS (HIS 160-01)(3 cr)

Professor : Dr. Robinson-Dunn

Class meets TR 11:20-12:35 in B16

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handout and Spodek 444-454, 471-472

14-16- Mughal India con't and the overlapping cultures of tribe and state in 16th-century Africa
Overfield: Leo Africanus 48-51 and Duarte Barbosa 51-54
Spodek 347, 379-383, 419-421, 463-474

21-23- –16th century Africa con't and the foundations of European contributions to the modern world: the Renaissance and the Scientific Revolution
Overfield: Francis Bacon 154-157 and Marquis de Condorcet 160-165
Spodek 394-407, 423-430, 456

28- the Ottoman Empire: religious and cultural diversity/ slavery and race in Islam/ Muslim societies of the Ottoman Middle East and North Africa
Overfield: Impressions of Suleiman I 89-93 and Women in Ottoman Society 111-112

Spodek 333-339, 366-368, 434, 445
30 – class does not meet

October

5-7 – the Ottoman Empire continued and 17th-century China: Confucianism, state, and society/ diplomacy and trade

Overfield: *Meritorious Deeds at No Cost* 118-123 and Wang Daokun 127-130

Spodek 204, 390-393, 436-439, 453

12 – Mid-Term Exam

14 - imperial encounters in Latin America: European, Native American, and African influences/ institutions of empire

Overfield: Bernardino de Sahagun 65-70 and Encomienda Regulations in Paraguay 75-78

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19-21 - revolutions in European states and society/ nationalism and unification

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26-28 - revolutions and nationalism continued/ Latin America in the 18th and 19th centuries

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Spodek 575-581, 509-514,

November

2-4 - industrialization, 19th-century liberalism, and European imperialism

Overfield: Samuel Smiles 275-278 and Images of Imperialism 298-302

excerpt from Richard Burton's *Personal Narrative of a Pilgrimage*

Spodek 517-543, 741-744

9 – individual meetings with students to discuss the paper

11- the 'opening' of China and Japan to Western influence and the global economy

Overfield: Letter to Queen Victoria 346-348 and Sakuma Shozan 357-360

Spodek 542-548, 581-589

16-18 new challenges and Ottoman decline /communist revolutions and the Cold War throughout the world

Overfield: Announcement to the Arabs 332-336; Karl Marx and Friedrich Engels 278-283 and Mao Zedong 467-471

Spodek 541, 549-574, 602-625, 641-658, 678-694

23 politics and identity after imperialism: postcoloniality in the modern world

Overfield: Mohandus Gandhi 439-443 and Kabaka Daudi Chwa 449-452

Spodek 694-711, 745-772

25 – Thanksgiving break

30 – Paper Due

December

30-2 - religion, secularism, and the nation-state in the post-cold war era

Overfield: the Muslim Brotherhood 434-439 and Girilal Jain 495-497

Spodek 713-737

7 – Review for final

9- individual/group consultation and review sessions

14 – Final Exam 11:00-12:50

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