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HST 3320: MODERN EUROPE, 1789-1989

This course is an introductory survey of major developments in European society from the French Revolution to the fall of the Berlin Wall. We will examine the sometimes dramatic changes in politics, economics and social life which took place over these two hundred years. Our geographical focus is on the three major powers during the modern period: England, France and Germany. Our topical focus is on industrialization, modernization, democratization and imperialism in the nineteenth century, and on mass society, totalitarianism, war and the welfare state in the twentieth century.

The class combines lectures with regular discussions. Students will be expected regularly to read a selection of short primary sources documents addressing the course topics. Over the course of the semester they will also read two longer autobiographical works.

Required Texts:

Marvin Perry et al., *Sources of the Western Tradition* Vol. 2 (9th edition) [in *hard copy only*]
Jakob Walter, *The Diary of a Napoleonic Foot Soldier*

and **one** of the following authors:

Anonymous, *A Woman in Berlin: Eight Weeks in the Conquered City*
Gottlob H. Bidermann, *In Deadly Combat: A German Soldier's Memoir of the Eastern Front*

Recommended Text:

Birdsall S. Viault, *Modern European History*

Course Requirements/Evaluation Criteria:

Class attendance and preparation; required readings; one 2- to 3-page paper; mid-term examination; one 4- to 5-page paper; final examination.

NOTE:

- More than 3 absences, persistent tardiness, or failure to participate in discussions will lower your final grade.
- Late assignments will NOT be accepted.
- All course work must be completed in order to pass the course.
- No electronic devices permitted on discussion days.
- Be sure you understand all relevant University policies:
< <http://go.utdallas.edu/syllabus-policies> >

All contents of this syllabus are subject to change at the discretion of the professor.

L = lecture D = discussion R = recommended reading

August 22:	Introduction
August 24:	L: The French Revolution [R: Chapter 14]
August 29:	L: Napoleon [R: Chapter 15]
August 31:	L: Reactions to the French Revolution [R: Chapters 16 & 21]
September 5:	D: <i>Sources</i> Chapter 4 & 6 (2 & 3)
September 7:	L: The Industrial Revolution [R: Chapter 20]
September 12:	L: Changing Ideas of Science & Politics [R: Chapters 18, 21, 22 & 26]
September 14:	DUE: 2-3 page paper on <i>Diary of a Napoleonic Foot Soldier</i>
September 19:	D: <i>Sources</i> Chapters 5 & 7 (2-4)
September 21:	L: Nationalism & Imperialism [R: Chapters 16, 23 & 27]
September 26:	L: A Changing Society [R: Chapters 24 & 25]
September 28:	D: <i>Sources</i> Chapters 6 (5-7), 8, & 9 (1 & 4)
October 3:	Review
October 5:	IN-CLASS MIDTERM EXAMINATION
October 10:	L: World War One [R: Chapters 28 & 29]
October 12:	D: <i>Sources</i> Chapter 11 (1-6, 8)

October 17:	L: The Bolshevik Revolution [R; Chapter 30]
October 19:	L: The Growth of Fascism [R: Chapters 31 & 32]
October 24:	L: The Democracies between the Wars [Chapters 33 & 34]
October 26:	D: <i>Sources</i> Chapters 11 (7) & 12
October 31:	L: World War Two [Chapter 35]
November 1:	DUE: 4-5 page paper on memoir of your choice
November 7:	L: The Cold War [Chapter 36]
November 9:	D: <i>Sources</i> Chapters 13 & 14 (1 & 2)
November 14:	L: Western Europe in the 1950s & 60s
November 16:	L: Western Europe in the 1970s & 80s [R: Chapters 37 & 39]
November 28:	L: Change in Eastern Europe [R: Chapter 38]
November 30:	D: <i>Sources</i> Chapters 14 (3-5) & 15 (1)
December 5:	Conclusion

**December 14 at 5:00 pm:
IN-CLASS FINAL EXAMINATION**