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Spring 2023      Disclaimer\*Class Schedule is subject to change at instructor’s discretion

**Week 1: January 9-15**

Introduction to course and syllabus, class policies, and guidelines

**Discussion Board Post due by 11:59pm Wednesday and two responses to classmates due by 11:59pm on Sunday.**

**Quiz over the Syllabus Due by 11:59pm on Sunday.**

Read pages 73-81 from Chapter 3 in *World History: Cultures, States, and Societies to 1500* (in Canvas) covering the Vedic period and the Aryan Invasion.

Answer the study questions over the introduction to India and the Indus Valley Civilization.

Optional\*\*Take a virtual stroll through the National Museum of New Delhi's collection of artifacts from the Indus Valley Civilization as well as the archaeological site Harappa.com for all the latest information about the excavations in the Indus Valley.

**Week 2: January 16-22**

This week we cover the Foundations of the Indian Caste System, and the Basics of Hinduism.

Read pages 9-26 on Hinduism from*Understanding the Religions of the World* (in Canvas). Key Terms are covered on pages 58-59.

Watch the Khan Academy Videos over the Vedic Period, Hinduism Core Ideas, and the Varnas and the Caste System.

Look over the Hinduism outline/study guide.

Read Hymn [HYMN CLXXXV. Heaven and Earth from Links to an external site.](https://www.sacred-texts.com/hin/rigveda/rv01185.htm%22%20%5Ct%20%22_blank) the *Rig Veda*(in Canvas)

Watch the Crash Course Video over Hinduism.

**Take the Quiz over the Indus Valley Civilization by 11:59pm on Sunday.**

**Week 3: January 23-29**

We cover the gods of Hinduism (the Devas), Pujas, and Ahimsa.

Watch the Crash Course World Mythology video over the Hindu pantheon.

**Take the Quiz over Hinduism by 11:59pm on Sunday.**

**Week 4: January 30-February 5**

This week we cover the Epic Poems of India: *The Mahabharata* which gives us the sacred *Bhagavad-Gita*, and the more popular *Ramayana.*

Watch the Crash Course video over the*Ramayana.*

Watch the animated movie based on the *Ramayana* called *Sita Sings the Blues.*

Answer the Study Questions over the epics.

There are two links to printed versions of the epics. The first one is a summary of the Ramayana. The second link is to longer editions of each of the epic poems. I do not expect you to read them. They are here in case you'd like to explore them further.

Watch the Khan Academy video over Hindu Scriptures (which includes the epic poems).

**Post to the Discussion Board regarding the role of women in the epic tradition by 11:59pm on Wednesday.**

**Respond to two of your classmates’ posts by 11:59pm on Sunday.**

**Week 5: February 6-12**

This week we cover the basics of Buddhism as it originated in northern India (modern day Nepal).

Read the short excerpt from the Buddha's Sermon at the Deer Park.

Watch the Khan Academy Video over Bodh Gaya: Center of the Buddhist World.

Watch the Crash Course Video over Ashoke and Buddhism.

Answer the Study Questions over Buddhism.

Read Pages 61-71 over Buddhism in *Understanding the Religions of the World*. Key terms for Buddhism are on pages 112-113.

**Take the Quiz over Buddhism by 11:59pm on Sunday.**

**Turn in your first writing assignment comparing Hinduism and Buddhism based solely on our class’ materials by 11:59pm Sunday.**

**Week 6: February 13-19**

This week we discuss the Mughal Empire in India, Natural Science, and the Indian Ocean Trade.

Watch the video over examples of Hindu and Muslim architecture in India.

Watch the Khan Academy Video over Hindu Temples.

Review the material from Unit 1 over India.

**Take Test #1 over India by 11:59pm on Sunday.**

The test is timed for 75minutes and must be completed in one sitting. Please make certain that you have a good internet connection and that you won’t be interrupted or distracted while taking the exam. You cannot stop it and restart it.

**Week 7: February 20-26**

**This week we discuss the dynasties of ancient China: the Xia, the Shang, Chou, the Chin, and the Han**

Read Pages 114-127 and 130-138 in *World History: Cultures, States, and Societies to 1500*.

Read pages 10-18 in Chapter 1, pages 1-10 and 17-21 in Chapter 2, pages 1-16 in Chapter 3 from *An Outline History of East Asia to 1200* (in Canvas). These chapters cover from the Xia Dynasty up to the Han Dynasty.

Answer the Study Questions over the Ancient Chinese Dynasties (Xia/Hsia, Shang, Chou/Zhou, Chin/Qin, and Han).

Watch the Crash Course Video over 2,000 Years of Chinese History

**Take the Quiz over the Dynasties by 11:59pm on Sunday.**

**Week 8: February 27-March 5**

Read pages 127-129 in *World History: Cultures, States, and Societies to 1500*over Confucianism and the Hundred Schools of Philosophy.

Watch the PowerPoint over the philosophies of ancient China.

Watch the short video clips over Confucianism.

Answer the Study Questions over the philosophies.

Read the excerpt over Confucius and Confucianism on pages 156-160.

Read the excerpt about the roles of women in Confucianism on pages 1-2 from *The Great Learning for Women* (in Canvas).

**Take the Quiz over the philosophies by 11:59pm on Sunday.**

**Week 9: March 6-12**

This week we take a closer look at Taoism and we read excerpts from the *Tao te Ching*

Read over the passages from the *Tao te Ching* in the Discussion Board.

**Post your initial post by 11:59pm on Wednesday regarding your favorite passage.**

**Respond to two of your classmates’ initial posts by 11:59pm on Sunday.**

**Week 10: March 13-19  Spring Break Week**

Read pages 115-130, 149-154 in *Understanding the Religions of the World* over Chinese religions, and pages 164-165 for Key Terms.

Read the Khan Academy page over the Longmen Caves in China.

Watch the 2 minute Khan Academy Video over the Longmen Caves in China.

**Turn in your second writing assignment by Sunday by 11:59pm in Canvas.**

**Week 11: March 20-26**

This week we discuss the art and culture of ancient China including Chinese Jade, Chinese Calligraphy, and Silk in Antiquity.

We will watch the Crash Course Video over the Silk Road and Ancient Trade.

**By 11:59pm on Sunday, take Test #2 over the unit on China.**

The test is timed for 75 minutes. Please make sure that you have a good internet connection and won't be distracted or interrupted when you take the exam. You must complete the exam in one sitting. You cannot stop it and restart it. You may use your books and your study questions (but not the internet).

**Week 12 March 27-April 2**

This week we begin our discussion of Japan, the Land of the Rising Sun.

Read the Introduction to Japan

Read the Origins and Early History of Japan (pages 4-15 in Canvas).

Read the Introduction of Chinese Thought and Culture (into Japan) (pages 16-27 in Canvas).

**Take the Quiz over Japan by 11:59pm on Sunday.**

**Week 13: April 3-9**

This week we focus on the arts and culture of Japan.

Read and view the images for the artist Hokusai, Under the Great Wave of Kanagawa.

Read the Evolution of Ukiyo-e and Woodblock Prints

Read pages 144-153 over Haiku Before Haiku: From the Renga masters to Basho

**Take the Quiz over the Japanese Arts and Culture by 11:59pm on Sunday.**

**Week 14: April 10-16**

This week we discuss the basics of the Shinto Religion and Zen Buddhism.

Read the Khan Academy reading over Buddhism in Japan.

Watch the Khan Academy video over the ancient Temples of Nara Japan.

Read the Khan Academy reading over Todai-ji Hall in Nara, Japan.

**Post to the Discussion Board on Japanese Arts and Culture by 11:59pm on Wednesday.**

**Respond to two classmates in the Discussion Board by 11:59pm on Sunday.**

**Week 15: 17-23**

This week, we have a brief introduction to Viet Nam and Korea.

Read the webpage over Religion in Viet Nam.

Take the virtual tour of the Vietnam National Fine Arts Museum.

Read over the website information on Thich Nhat Hanh, the Zen Buddhist Master from Viet Nam.

Read the webpage over Travels in Viet Nam from the Smithsonian.

Read the page on Ancient Korea from Worldhistory.org

Read the webpage over the Historical and Modern Religions of Korea from the Center for Global Education

Read the webpage on Korean Art from the Art Institute of Chicago

Read the webpage on Ancient Korean Architecture from WorldHistory.org

Answer the Study Questions over Korea and Vietnam.

**Take the Quiz over Vietnam and Korea by 11:59pm on Sunday.**

**Week 16: Friday April 21-Thursday April 27**

**Take the Final Exam. It opens early, on Friday, April 21 and closes on Thursday, April 27.**

It is timed for 75 minutes.

Please make certain that you have a good internet connection and will not be distracted or interrupted.

The test must be completed in one sitting. It cannot be stopped and restarted.