

History 110: The Ancient Mediterranean

Fall 2005: M, W, F - 9.55-10.45; 1121 Humanities

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COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course will introduce students to the history and culture of the Ancient Mediterranean, and will cover the period from the earliest civilizations to the Fall of the Roman Empire in the West. We will trace the development of communities and cultures; social relations and economic conditions; political, religious and intellectual institutions and thought.

REQUIRED TEXT

Robin W. Winks/Susan P. Mattern-Parkes, *The Ancient Mediterranean World: From the Stone Age to A.D. 600*, New York and London: Oxford University Press 2004.

In addition, students will receive texts (in translation) which illustrate events or concepts discussed in the course. **NB. The final exam will include some of the same textual material, on which you are asked to comment. Therefore, make sure that you do not lose these texts, pay attention and make notes.**

WEEKLY READING ASSIGNMENTS

Weekly reading assignments are compulsory and should be completed *prior* to the subject being covered in class. In order to gain the greatest benefit from each weekly set of three lectures, students should complete required reading before the Monday lecture, and thus be equipped better to comprehend the subject matter of each of the three lectures.

ASSESSMENT, GRADING AND EXAMINATIONS

The course will be examined by two midterm exams and one final examination. The first midterm exam will take place on Friday October 14th (week 6) and the second on Friday November 18th (week 11). Together they will count for 40% of the final grade (i.e. 20% plus 20%). The final examination will take place on Saturday December 17 and will count for 50% of the final grade. The remaining 10% can be earned by attendance (5%) and by participating in the discussion in class (5%).

TEACHING PROGRAM

F 9/2/2005: Introduction to the course

Week 1 W 9/7, F 9/9: Early Man and Mesopotamia

Reading: The Ancient Mediterranean World, pp. 1-26.

Week 2 M 9/12, W 9/14, F 9/16: Egypt and Israel.

Reading: The Ancient Mediterranean World, pp. 26-54.

Week 3 M 9/19, W 9/21, F 9/23: The Dark Age and the Archaic Age.

Reading: The Ancient Mediterranean World, pp. 54-74.

Week 4 M 9/26, W 9/28, F 9/30: The Classical Age of Greece.

Reading: The Ancient Mediterranean World, pp. 74-87.

Week 5 M 10/3, W 10/5, F 10/7: The Classical Age of Greece.

Reading: The Ancient Mediterranean World, pp. 87-101.

Week 6 M 10/10, W 10/12: Fourth Century BC Greece and the Rise of Macedon.

Reading: The Ancient Mediterranean World, pp. 101-117.

First Midterm Exam: Friday October 14

Week 7 M 10/17, W 10/19, F 10/21: Early Rome.

Reading: The Ancient Mediterranean World, pp. 118-33.

Week 8 M 10/24, W 10/26, F 10/28: Conquest and Imperialism.

Reading: The Ancient Mediterranean World, pp. 118-33.

Week 9 M 10/31, W 11/2, F 11/4: The Age of Crisis: 133-31 BC.

Reading: The Ancient Mediterranean World, pp. 133-45.

Week 10 M 11/7, W 11/9, F 11/11: The Principate.

Reading: The Ancient Mediterranean World, pp. 145-65.

Week 11 M 11/14, W 11/16: The Second and Third Century AD: empire and crisis.

Reading: The Ancient Mediterranean World, pp. 165-83.

Second Midterm Exam: Friday November 18

Week 12 M 11/21, W 11/23: Christianity and Empire.

Reading: The Ancient Mediterranean World, pp. 183-205.

Week 13 M 11/28, W 11/30, F 12/2: The World of Late Antiquity.

Reading: The Ancient Mediterranean World, pp. 183-208.

Week 14 M 12/5, W 12/7, F 12/9: The Fall of the Roman Empire and Beyond.

Reading: The Ancient Mediterranean World, pp. 208-217.

Week 15 M 12/12, W 12/14: Recapping the Ancient Mediterranean World.

Final Exam: Saturday December 17, 12:25 PM.