

HISTORY OF AFRICA 1500 - 1870  
Summer - 1993

M T W R 10:20-11:35

class meets: 1101 Humanities

Office hours: Tues., 9-10,  
Wed., 2:30-3:30

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4 CREDITS or 3 CREDITS?

If you take the course for 4 credits or if you are a graduate student you will write a 7-10 page essay/term paper due **August 3** - NO EXCEPTIONS. Any paper received after the due date will be significantly penalized in grade. The topic of the essay is the concept of reparations to Africa for the slave trade. It is discussed in more detail in a separate handout for those who have elected the 4-credit option.

This course deals with the main themes of African history between the years 1500 and 1870. Some of the major topics covered in the course are: an introduction to African peoples, social systems, and geography; the influence of Islam on various areas of the continent; trans-Saharan, Indian Ocean, and Atlantic trading systems; formation of Central African state systems; Swahili city-states; the West European impact on Africa prior to political partition; the Atlantic slave trade and its abolition; West African Islamic jihads; Dutch settler development in South Africa; mfecane; great trek; world economic changes in the late eighteenth and nineteenth centuries and their effects on Africa.

Required texts

Maryse Condé, Sequ, New York: Ballantine Books, 1987.

General History of Africa, Vol. V: Africa from the Sixteenth to the Eighteenth Century, ed. by B. A. Ogot, University of California, 1992.

The Making of Modern Africa, Vol. I: The Nineteenth Century, ed. by A. E. Afigbo, et al., Longman, 1986.

Course outline packet available at Kinko's Copies, 620 University Ave.

Outline maps of Africa - available in supplies section of bookstore

Course requirements

Map Quiz, June 23: 50 points

Mid-term Exam - Essay, identifications, and objective portion on Islam: July 6: 200 points

Final Map Quiz, August 2: 75 points

Term Paper for 4-credit students: 200 points. Due August 3, NO EXCEPTIONS!

Final Exam, 250 points, Thursday, August 5.

Attendance at one African Studies Center movie or lecture, or a film on Africa shown on Public T.V., typing up a two-page description and discussion: 50 points.

Total points for 3-credit students: 625

To receive a grade of A you must receive 581 total points

"	A/B	"	544 total points
"	B	"	513 total points
"	B/C	"	481 total points
"	C	"	438 total points
"	D	"	375 total points

Below 375 points receives a grade of F

Total points for 4-credit students: 825

To receive a grade of A you must receive 767 total points

"	A/B	"	718 total points
"	B	"	685 total points
"	B/C	"	635 total points
"	C	"	578 total points
"	D	"	495 total points

Below 495 points receives a grade of F

Map work: You are to study the following list, locating the place names, ethnic groups, and geographical features. Use your text book maps as well as J. D. Fage. An Atlas of African History. Second Edition. New York: Africana Publishing Co., 1978. Several copies of this Atlas are on Reserve in the College Library under call number G2446 S1 F3 1978. For the map quiz on June 23 I will select 25 terms. You will place the corresponding number for each of the terms on a blank map purchased at the bookstore. It is suggested that you purchase an extra map to use as a study sheet. For the final map quiz on August 2 I will choose terms from the following list and include other map terms taken from lectures. A study list will be distributed one week before the final map quiz.

Senegal River	Tripoli	Segu
Niger River	Fezzan	Kanem
Volta River	Abomey	Monrovia
Gambia River	Cairo	Pemba
Nile River	Begho	Ilorin
Blue Nile	Boure	Sokoto
White Nile	Mogadishu	As(h)ante ethnic
Sena	Tete	group
Lake Tana	Gao	Jenne

Futa Jalon	Timbuctu (Timbuktu)	Grain Coast
Futa Toro	Taghaza	Mossi ethnic
Darfur	Gondar	group
Lake Chad	Wolof ethnic group	Hausa ethnic
Kilwa	Tunis	group
Lake Victoria	Mombasa	Sennar
Lake Tanganyika	Zanzibar	Zambezi River
Cape of Good Hope	Alexandria	Orange River
Red Sea	Elmina	Gold Coast
Drakensberg Mountains	Bahr al-Ghazal	Buganda (bu-GANDA)
Bunyoro (bu-NYORO)	Luba (ba-LUBA)	Natal
Vaal River	Fish River	Orange River

## Lecture assignment:

The African Studies Center at the University of Wisconsin offers many lectures and occasional films on Africa. There is a film series scheduled for this summer. There are also films shown on Africa on public television from time to time. To encourage you to become acquainted with these offerings I am asking you to attend one during this 8-week session, writing up a two-page report in which you both relate the content of the lecture or film and give your opinion. This report must be typed. Handwritten papers will not be accepted. As lectures and films come to my attention I will try to announce them in class, but keep your eyes open. I will not accept wildlife films on Africa to fulfill this assignment. With very few exceptions, feature films are not appropriate for this assignment. If you're unsure of the appropriateness of a lecture or film for this assignment, ask me before you write it up. Do not wait until the last week to try to complete this assignment as you may have difficulty in finding an appropriate offering.

NOTE: You are not assured full credit on this assignment. Your papers must be neat, thoughtful, and grammatically correct. In your two-page description you must indicate the date of the performance/lecture and make sure you have the correct title and that you spell the lecturer's name correctly.

Readings: Readings below are an integral part of the course. Starred readings are available on Reserve in the College Library (Helen C. White). They are not optional, but a required part of the course.

## Lecture Topics &amp; Reading Assignments

WEEK I June 14 - Introduction to the Course  
June 15 - Geography of Africa with slides

READING: \*Merrick Posnansky, "Anatomy of a Continent," in The Africans: A Reader, edited by Ali A. Mazrui (New York: Praeger, 1986), pp. 31-47. (College Reserve call no: DT14 A3745 1986)

June 16 - Peoples of Africa, Linguistic groupings and Social Systems

READING: \*Jolayemi Solanke, "Traditional social and political institutions," in African History and Culture, edited by Richard Olaniyan (Lagos: Longman Nigeria, 1982), pp. 27-37. (College Reserve call no: DT14 A374 1982)

June 17 - Islam

SUGGESTED READING: H. A. R. Gibb, Mohammedanism. (College Reserve call no: BP50 G5)

#### NORTHERN AFRICA c. 1500 to 1800

WEEK II June 21 - Ottomans in North Africa

June 22 - North African trade in the Mediterranean and the Sudan; Barbary coast

READINGS: General History of Africa, Vol. V: Africa from the Sixteenth to the Eighteenth Century, ed. by B. A. Ogot, Chapters 6 and 9, pp. 136-69 and 233-61.

\*Jamil M. Abun-Nasr, A History of the Maghrib, Second Edition, Cambridge University Press, 1975, Chapter 7 (pp. 159-201). (College Reserve call no: DT194 1975; 6 copies)

June 23 - MAP QUIZ-50 points; Funj sultanate

READING: General History of Africa, Vol. V: Africa from the Sixteenth to the Eighteenth Century, ed. by B. A. Ogot, Chapter 7, pp. 170-199.

June 24 - Galla "invasions," Ethiopian expansion

READING: General History of Africa, Vol. V: Africa from the Sixteenth to the Eighteenth Century, ed. by B. A. Ogot, Chapter 24, pp. 703-49.

#### WEST AFRICA 1500 to 1800

WEEK III June 28 - Introduction to the Region; Arrival of the Portuguese

READINGS: General History of Africa, Vol. V: Africa from the Sixteenth to the Eighteenth Century, ed. by B. A. Ogot, Chapter 1, pp. 1-22.

\*History of West Africa, Vol. 1. Edited by Ajayi and Crowder. \*\*THIRD EDITION. Longman, 1985. Chapter 1, pp. 5-47. (College Reserve call no: DT475 A77 1976b; 4 copies)

June 29 - Songhay empire, Moroccan conquest of Songhay and its ramifications

READING: General History of Africa, Vol. V: Africa from the Sixteenth to the Eighteenth Century, ed. by B. A. Ogot, Chapter 11, pp. 300-326.

June 30 - Hausa city-states; Southern Nigeria-Yoruba and Niger Delta

READING: General History of Africa, Vol. V: Africa from the Sixteenth to the Eighteenth Century, ed. by B. A. Ogot, Chapters 15 and 16: pp. 434-491.

July 1 - Atlantic slave trade and internal African slavery.

READING: General History of Africa, Vol. V: Africa from the Sixteenth to the Eighteenth Century, ed. by B. A. Ogot, Chapter 5, pp. 113-36.

WEEK IV July 5 - Holiday  
July 6 - MID-TERM EXAM, 200 points

Central and East Africa to c. 1500

July 7 and 8 - Bantu migrations; Luba/Lunda state systems; Kongo kingdom; Portuguese impact.

READING: General History of Africa, Vol. V: Africa from the Sixteenth to the Eighteenth Century, ed. by B. A. Ogot, Chapters 19 and 20, pp. 546-87.

WEEK V July 12 - Zimbabwe-Mutapa-Butwa states; Portuguese in Mozambique

READING: General History of Africa, Vol. V: Africa from the Sixteenth to the Eighteenth Century, ed. by B. A. Ogot, Chapter 22, pp. 640-82.

July 13 - Portuguese contact with the Swahili; Interior East Africa

READING: General History of Africa, Vol. V: Africa from the Sixteenth to the Eighteenth Century, ed. by B. A. Ogot, Chapters 25 and 27, pp. 750-75 and 828-48.

Southern Africa c. 1400 to 1800

July 14 - Khoisan and Bantu settlement; Dutch settlement at the Cape.

READING: General History of Africa, Vol. V: Africa from the Sixteenth to the Eighteenth Century, ed. by B. A. Ogot, Chapters 23, pp. 683-702.

RECOMMENDED READING: Reader's Digest Illustrated

History of South Africa, Pleasantville, New York, 1988, pp. 20-79. (College Reserve call no: DT766 R4 1989; 3 copies)

July 15 - Egypt and the Maghrib to 1870

READING: The Making of Modern Africa, Chapters 5 and 7, pp. 129-149 and 176-210.

WEEK VI July 19 - Sudan and Ethiopia in the 19th century

READING: The Making of Modern Africa, Chapter 6, pp. 150-175.

July 20 - Abolition of the Atlantic slave trade; establishment of Sierra Leone and Liberia; Repercussions

READINGS: The Making of Modern Africa, Chapter 6, pp. 150-175. pp. 37-44 and 45-62.

Begin reading Maryse Condé, Segu. (College Reserve call no: PQ 3949.2 C65 S4413 1988) Start first with historical background in General History of Africa, Vol. V: Africa from the Sixteenth to the Eighteenth Century, ed. by B. A. Ogot, pp. 329-38; General History of Africa, Vol. VI: Africa in the Nineteenth Century Until the 1880s, ed. by J. F. Ade Ajayi, pp. 682-84--on reserve in the College library, call no: DT20 G45 1981b Vol. VI;

July 21 - Jihad in West Africa

READINGS: The Making of Modern Africa, pp. 80-93.

July 22 - Discussion of Segu.

WEEK VII July 26 - West African Forest States

READING: The Making of Modern Africa, pp. 96-112.

July 27 and 28 - Southern Africa in the 19th Century: Mfecane and Great Trek; British and Boers to the mining revolution

READINGS: The Making of Modern Africa, pp. 211-219, 221-274.

July 29 - Central Africa in the 19th Century

READING: The Making of Modern Africa, pp. 306-16, 331-32.

WEEK VIII August 2 - FINAL MAP QUIZ, 75 points; Zambezi basin in the 19th Century

READING: The Making of Modern Africa, pp. 219-20.

August 3 - Term papers due for 4-credit students; Omanis in East Africa and East African commercial diaspora

READING: The Making of Modern Africa, pp. 317-31.  
August 4 - Catch up and Review

August 5 - FINAL EXAM, 250 points.