

SURVEY OF MIDDLE EASTERN CIVILIZATION (Modern Period) HISTORY 282- Section 001

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Tuesday: 7:20-10:00 PM
Classroom: Robinson A248

This course provides an overview of Middle East history since 1800 and a context for understanding current political developments in this dynamic region. We begin by discussing the rise of Islam, the Shia-Sunni divide and the Arab conquests. Then we move to the rise and decline of the Ottoman Empire, European colonialism, the establishment of modern nation-states and the formation of Israeli and Palestinian nationalism.

The second part of the course will focus on events after World War II including the Arab-Israeli conflict; the Iranian Revolution; the first Gulf War; the 2003 Iraq War; the September 11th terrorist attacks and the Arab uprisings of 2011. Throughout the semester we will explore the relationship of religion and politics, the position of women and the status of religious minorities. News articles on current events will be incorporated into classes. There will be some minor changes in the syllabus during the semester.

Class attendance and participation are important in grading. There is one assigned book and a reading packet for purchase as well as several films. Students are expected to follow news on the Middle East, especially the New York Times, Washington Post, Christian Science Monitor, BBC, and the Israeli newspaper HaAretz on the Arab-Israeli conflict.

Required Books:

A History of the Modern Middle East, 4th Edition. William L. Cleveland and Martin Bunton (Westview Press: 2009)

Reading Packet: Selections from Quran, books, newspapers, newspaper articles, maps and documents

Course Requirements:

Quiz #1	15% of grade
Mid-Term Exam	25% of grade
Quiz #2	15% of grade
Final Exam	30% of grade
Class Participation and Attendance	<u>15% of grade</u>
	100%

- **Participation**, especially by attending class every week, is extremely important for this class.
- **Each quiz** will include a map and 5 vocabulary words, distributed the previous week. It will also include a short question on a recent news article and/or the assigned reading. News articles distributed one week before the quiz and/or sent by email. **Please check your email regularly.**
- **Each exam** will include 10 vocabulary words and essay questions, distributed one week before the exam. Students can select three out of five essay questions.

WEEK ONE- JANUARY 24**Course introduction, Rise of Islam, Arab Conquests and Empires, Sunni-Shia Division**

- Cleveland, pp. 1-36, 51-56 on Safavids
- Selections from Quran
- Selections from *After the Prophet: The Epic Story of the Shia-Sunni Split in Islam*, by Lesley Hazleton

WEEK TWO- JANUARY 31**Women and Islam, Rise of the Ottoman Empire and Ottoman Institutions**

- Selections from *Women and Gender in Islam: Historical Roots of a Modern Debate*, by Leila Ahmed and *Tunisia as an Arab Women's Rights Leader* by Andrea Barron
- Cleveland, pp. 38-42
- Selections from *Peace Be Upon You: Fourteen Centuries of Muslim, Christian and Jewish Conflict and Cooperation*, by Zachary Karabell, pp. 158-179

WEEK THREE-FEBRUARY 7**Ottoman Decline and Reforms; Egypt: Muhammad Ali and British Colonialism; French Colonialism in Algeria**

- Selections from *Peace be Upon You*, pp. 182-187 and 192-206
- Cleveland, pp. 57-64 and 74-92
- Selections on French Colonization of Algeria and Algerian War of Independence

WEEK FOUR—FEBRUARY 14—QUIZ

- **Films:** *Shi'ism: Waiting for the Hidden Imam*
- *The Battle of Algiers*

Extra Credit: 3 page analysis of the film on Shiism

WEEK FIVE—FEBRUARY 21**Egypt: From 1798 to 1945, Islamic Modernism and the Muslim Brotherhood, World War I and Fall of Ottoman Empire**

- Cleveland on Egypt; pp. 64-74, 92-100, 103-109, 193-201
- Cleveland, World War I and End of Ottoman Order, pp. 149-170
- Selection from *Peace Be Upon You*, pp. 222-232 on Muhammed Abduh

WEEK SIX-FEBRUARY 28**Arab Nationalism and Arab Struggle for Independence; The Rise of Turkish Nationalism and Ataturk**

- Cleveland, pp. 204- 215 (Iraq and Jordan)
- Cleveland, pp. 217-230 (Syria and Lebanon)
- Cleveland, pp. 175-185, 532-535

WEEK SEVEN – MARCH 6**The Palestine Mandate and the Birth of Israel**

- Cleveland, pp. 239-271 (Ch. 13)

- Selections from *The Lemon Tree: An Arab, A Jew and the Heart of the Middle East*, Sandy Tolan
- Maps and Documents

MARCH 13—SPRING BREAK

WEEK EIGHT – MARCH 20-MID-TERM EXAM

WEEK NINE – MARCH 27

The Age of Nasser, Sayyid Qutb and the Muslim Brotherhood, Radicalization of Arab Politics; Authoritarian Rule in Syria and Iraq

- Cleveland, pp. 301-345 (Chapters 15 and 16)
- Selections from *Milestones* by Sayyid Qutb
- Cleveland, pp. 369-395 (Ch. 18) and pp. 397-421 (Ch. 19)
- Selections on Human Rights on Syria and Iraq

WEEK TEN – APRIL 3- IRAN

Qajar Shahs, Pahlavis and the Iranian Revolution

- Cleveland, pp. 109-117; 143-148; 185-192; and 288-299 (Pre-Revolutionary Iran)
- Cleveland, pp. 423-450 (Ch. 20)
- Selections from *Islam and Revolution: Writings and Declarations of Imam Khomeini*

WEEK ELEVEN – APRIL 10

The Arab-Israeli Conflict from 1948-2011

- Cleveland, pp. 355-367, 473-478, and 499-525
- Maps and Documents
- *The Problem is Palestinian Rejectionism* by Yosef Kuperwasser and Shalom Lipner and *Israel's Bunker Mentality* by Ronald Krebs, from **Foreign Affairs**, November/December 2011
Extra Credit: Watch the film *Promises* and write a 3-page analysis

WEEK TWELVE – APRIL 17

The September 11th Attacks and Radical Islam; Muslim Brotherhood and Islam and democracy

- Selections from *The Search for Al-Qaeda*, by Bruce Riedel
- Selections from *Global Political Islam*, by Peter Mandaville, pp. 237-256
- Selections from *The Looming Tower: Al-Qaeda and the Road to 9/11*, by Lawrence Wright
- Cleveland on Saudi Arabia, pp. 231-234, 451-463

WEEK THIRTEEN – APRIL 24

The First Gulf War and the 2003 Iraq War, US Policy and the Iraq War

- Cleveland, Chapter 22 pp. 478-497 (first Gulf War)
- Cleveland, pp. 557-573

- Selections from *American Unbound: The Bush Revolution in Foreign Policy* by Ivo Daalder and James Lindsay

WEEK FOURTEEN – MAY 1

The Arab Uprisings of 2011

- Selections from *On the State of Egypt: What Made the Revolution Inevitable* by Alaa al-Aswany and *Egypt on the Brink: From Nasser to Mubarak*, by Tarek Osman.
- Cleveland, pp. 541-546
- Selections from *The Arab Awakening*, The Brookings Institution
- Newspaper and magazine articles

MAY 8- READING WEEK

FINAL EXAM- MAY 15