Goward the End of History: The Death of Ideology in the 20th Century







Day One: Class Outline, Class Structure, Class Expectations, General Themes of the 20th Century

Geography Test

Day Two: World War One: Colonialism, The Alliance System, and the Outbreak of Hostilities

Franz Ferdinand

Day Three: The Course of the War: Trench Warfare, Technological Horrors, and U.S. Intervention

Reading: The Fourteen Points

Descent into Chaos

Day Four: The Aftermath of the Great War: the Bolshevik Revolution, The Fall of the German Empire, and the Rise of Japan

Rosa Luxemburg: What Does the Spartacus League Want?







Day Five: The Inter-War Years: Il Duce, The Spanish Civil War, and the Rise of Fascism in Germany and Japan

Reading: Benito Mussolini, What is Fascism?

Day Six: The Outbreak of World War Two: The Munich Conference, The Invasion of Poland, The Rape of Nanking, etc.

Speeches of the Allies: Churchill, Stalin, Roosevelt

Between Good and Evil

Day Seven: The Course of the War in the European Theatre: Blitzkrieg, The Holocaust, Stalingrad, and D-Day

Film: Night and Fog

Day Eight: The Course of the War in the Pacific Theatre: Pearl Harbor, Hiroshima, etc.

Film: White Light / Black Rain

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Day Nine: The Aftermath of World War Two: Cold War and the Arms Race

Film: Trinity and Beyond

Day Ten: The Aftermath of World War Two: Cold War and Decolonization

P.T. Bauer, Western Guilt and Third World Poverty

Day Eleven: The Rise of OPEC: The Historical Role of Oil in World Politics

Oil Huntin'

Day Twelve: The Human Wave: The Peoples' Republic and the New Chinese Hegemony

Quotes from the Little Red Book, Chairman Mao Zedong

Day Thirteen: Islam and the West: A New (Old) Clash of Ideologies?

The Clash of Civilizations, Samuel P. Huntington

Day Fourteen: Final Examination and Art Projects Due

Evaluations:

- **●** Final Exam (ID, Multiple Choice, Essay) 35%
- **●** Geography Exam (World Geography) 10%
- Final Art Project (Any Media, Any 20th Century Historical Topic) 25%
- Daily Quizzes (Evaluation of Comprehension of the Reading and the Previous Day's Lecture) 25%