

40S HISTORY OF WESTERN CIVILIZATION COURSE SYLLABUS

The purpose of this course is to develop an understanding of world history by examining history from the perspective of western civilization. The content for the course is based on an 80 page booklet containing forty lessons. Some lessons take longer to cover than others. Hopefully this method will give us a lot of leeway to concentrate on the topics that have the greatest amount of appeal to the largest number of people. It is important for students to have considerable influence in selecting which material to pursue. Students will also have influence in how they demonstrate learning. Here is a breakdown of the course requirements:

Term 1

Quiz 1 (20) Lessons 1-10 – March 3
Quiz 2 (20) Lessons 11-20 – April 5
Test (40) Lessons 1-10 – March 8
Daily Work (20)

Term 2

Quiz 3 (20) Lessons 21-30 – May 6
Quiz 4 (20) Lessons 31-40 – June 16
Test (40) Lessons 11-33 – May 25
Daily Work (20)

Exam/Project: The final assessment piece will be either a project or a written exam.

Students who take this course tend to fall into one of two categories: some are gearing up to take similar courses at the university level while others are generalists who happen to take an interest in history without going through the rigours of intense summative assessment. Luckily this course offers excellent learning opportunities for all kinds of learners at all levels of proficiency. In the first class we will decide what each student's role will be in learning about western civ and earning a course credit at the same time.