

UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE-CHATTANOOGA
HIS 103 010: WORLD CIVILIZATIONS I
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Brock 401

Office Hours: Thurs. 4:30 – 5:30 (by appointment only)

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Course Objectives:

This course is taught to provide the student with an overview of the key persons, places, events, and moments that had historical significance to later civilizations, from the emergence of the earliest societies to the 11th century C.E. This course will be taught by means of reading assignments in the required texts, supplemental readings, lectures, class discussions, take-home assignments, video materials, and periodic tests. We will study civilizations of Europe, Africa, Asia, and the Americas and examine their human achievements. This course will not be taught strictly from a chronological approach but will use more comparative focus on the emerging cultures or traditions.

The primary text for this course is:

Bentley, Jerry, et al., *Traditions and Encounters: A Global Perspective on the Past*.

Supplemental readings:

Abbott, Jacob. *Histories of Cyrus the Great and Alexander the Great*

Dickson, D. Bruce. *The Dawn of Belief*

Taylor, John H. *Death and the Afterlife in Ancient Egypt*

Grading:

Grades for this class will be based on the following formula:

Three unit exams.....	150 points each.....	450
Out of class assignments.....		200
Attendance and participation.....		150
Final exam.....		200

A – 900-1000 points B – 800-899 points C – 700-799 points D – 600-699

Make-up exams will be given for documented emergency situations only and will be given at a time that is convenient to both the student and instructor. Arrangements must be made **prior to** scheduled test. Attendance and participation in class are important to

your final grade and will count 15% of your total grade. There will be no opportunities for extra credit work, so it is important that you do not get behind.

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, it is the student's responsibility to contact his or her instructor concerning any special accommodations necessary for completion of class requirements

READING ASSIGNMENTS AND SCHEDULE:

- Aug. 20 – Chapter 1 – *Before History* pp. 2-30
- Aug. 27 – Dickson, pp. 1-27 and pp. 123-143
- Sep. 3 – Chapter 2 – *Early Societies and the Indo-European Migrations* – pp. 31-57
- Sep. 10 – Taylor, pp. 92-110 and pp.136-151
Chapter 3 – *Early African Societies and the Bantu Migrations* – pp. 59-86
- Sep. 17 - TEST ONE Chapters 1-3 and readings
- Sep. 24 - Chapters 4 and 5 – *Early Societies in South Asia and East Asia* – pp. 87-130
- Oct. 1 - Chapter 6 – *Early Societies in the Americas* – pp. 133-155
- Oct. 8 – Chapters 7 and 8 – *The Empires of Persia* and *The Unification of China* – pp. 159-204 and Abbott, pp. 65-119
- Oct. 15 – TEST TWO Chapters 4-8 and Abbott readings
- Oct. 22 Chapter 10 – *Mediterranean Society: The Greek Phase* – pp. 231-157 and Abbott, pp.165-175 and 251-287.
- Oct. 29 – Chapter 11 – *Mediterranean Society: The Roman Phase* – pp. 259 -285
- Nov. 5 - Chapter 12 – *Cross-Cultural Exchanges on the Silk Road* – pp. 287-313
- Nov. 12 - TEST THREE Chapters 10-12 and Abbott readings
- Nov. 19 – Class assignment over chapters 13-14 (Read this prior to class)
- Nov. 26 - Thanksgiving Holiday—No class
- Dec. 3 - FINAL EXAM