



St. Xavier's College – Autonomous Mumbai

Syllabus For 1st Semester Course in **HISTORY** (June, 2013 onwards)

Contents:

A.Hist.1.01 – World History from the Renaissance to c.1870

F.Y. B.A. History

Course: A.His.1.01

Title: World History from the Renaissance to c.1870

Learning Objectives:

- To learn to identify and happenings and significant players (both men and women) in World History.
- To trace the growth and development of individual rights, democracy, liberalism and the nation state.
- To understand the sociological and ideological forces that shaped the modern world and understand the present political structures, economic activities, social developments, cultural achievements and scientific innovations in the light of the past.
- To recognize how certain countries and economic systems dominated the world through empire building.

Number of lectures: 60

UNIT 1

Cultural, Social, Religious and Scientific Changes that impacted the world (15 lectures)

The Renaissance: meaning, its geographical, historical and social roots, its features with an emphasis on Humanism, and its representation in Art, Science and Literature.

The Reformation: origins, Martin Luther, impact, the Catholic Reformation/The Counter Reformation.

Decline of feudalism and emergence of mercantilism.

Colonial expansion: Motives, exploratory voyages with particular reference to Christopher Columbus, Vasco da Gama and Magellan. Impact.

UNIT 2

Challenges to established political and social systems

(20 lectures)

The American Revolution: Factors and events that led to the Revolution. Significance

The French Revolution: Politico-Economic Crisis in the Ancien Regime, and intellectual underpinnings. The changing course of the Revolution, participation of the social classes, role of women. The Legacy of the French Revolution.

Napoleon Bonaparte and the Congress of Vienna

UNIT 3

New ideas and the formation of the Nation State

(15 lectures)

Liberalism,
Socialism and parliamentary democracy

Nationalism and the Nation State.

Unification of Italy and Germany

C.I.A: Quiz (multiple choice or map based)

Mid semester exam with two small essay type questions. Group Project work with written assignment.

Essential Readings:

- 1) Charques, Richard, *Twilight of the Russian Empire*, Oxford University press, London, 1958.
- 2) Fergusson, W and Brunn, G, *A Survey of European Civilization*, 3rd edition, Boston, Houghton and Co. 1958.
- 3) Hayes, C, Moon, T.P and Wayland, J.W, *World History*, 3rd Revised ed. The Mac Millan Co. New York, 1950
- 4) Hobsbawm, Eric, *Age of Extremes: The Short Twentieth Century 1914-1991*, Viking, Penguin Books, 1995
- 5) Keylor, William, *The Twentieth Century World and Beyond: International History Since 1900*, Oxford University Press, Oxford, 2006
- 6) Lowe, Norman, *Mastering World History*, Macmillan Education Ltd., London 1985.
- 7) Palmer R. and Colton, Joel, *A History of the Modern World*, 4th edition, Alfred Knopf, New York, 1971
- 8) Revill J.C, *World history*, Longmans Green and Co. , London,
- 9) Roberts, J.M, *History of the World*, Oxford University Press, New York, 1993.
- 10) Wallbank, Walter T and Taylor, Alistair, M, *Past and Present*.

11) Reference Readings:

- 12) Durant, Will, *The Story of Civilization, vol. V, The Renaissance and vol. VI the Reformation, 1300-1564*
- 13) Nelson, A *Dictionary of World History*