

History 261
Schedule of Lectures and Readings
Autumn 2009

Week #1: September 21-28

Middle East background

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| Topic #1: Middle East Entity | Topic #2: “Abrahamic” Religions | Topic #3: Arabian Environment |
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Ochsenwald and Fisher, *The Middle East : a History*, Chapters 1-3

Week #2: September 28-October 5

Building the empire and doctrine of Islam

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| Topic #4: Establishing Islam | Topic #5: Building the Empire of Islam | Topic #6: Affirmations and Worship |
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O & F, Chapters 4-8;
Cleveland , A History of the Modern Middle East , pp. 1-3, Chapter 1

Week #3: October 5-12

Classical era

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| Topic #7: Abbasid Caliphate | Topic #8: Classical Era of Islam--the Deepening | Topic #9: Classical Era of Islam-- Learning |
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O & F, Chapters 9-12; Cleveland, Chapter 2

Week #4: October 12-19

Branching out

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| Topic #10: The Party of Ali | Topic #11: Infusion and Intrusion | Topic #12: Rise of the Ottoman Empire |
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O & F, Chapters 14-17; Cleveland, Chapter 3

Week #5: October 19-26

Gunpowder empires

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| Topic #13: Ottoman Decline | Topic #14: Safavid Persia | Topic #15: New Era of Europe |
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O & F, Chapters 18-21

Week #6: October 26-November 2

Impact of the West

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| Topic #16: Era of Tanzimat | Topic #17: Imperialism on the Nile | Topic #18: Qajar Persia |
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Cleveland , pp. 57-60, Chapters 4-6

Midterm Exam October 30

Week #7: November 2-9

Revolutionary century

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| Topic #19: Cross-Currents of Thought | Topic #20: New Century of Revolution | Topic #21: World War I & the Middle East |
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Cleveland, Chapters 7-9

Week #8: November 9-16

Mandate era and World War II

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| Topic #22: Postwar Nationalists | Topic #23: Postwar Vassals | Topic #24: World War II and the Middle East |
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Cleveland, Chapters 10-13

Week #9: November 16-23

Radicals and realists

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| Topic #25: Arab World in the Age of Nasser | Topic #26: Egypt in the Age of Sadat | Topic #27: Syria and Iraq |
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Cleveland, Chapters 14-19

Weeks #10 & #11: November 23-December 7

Drift and new challenges

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| Topic #28: Postwar Iran | Topic #29: Turkey and Saudi Arabia | Topic #30: Crises and Aimlessness |
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Cleveland, Chapters 20-24, epilogue

Final Exam December 8