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HISTORY 182:  
WORLD HISTORY FROM 1500 TO THE PRESENT

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## HST 182 SP 2007 MIDTERM EXAM STUDY GUIDE

Our midterm examination will be held on Tuesday, April 24, 2007, at our regularly scheduled time and meeting place. You will have the entire class period (1 hour and 18 minutes) to complete the examination.

**PART 1: PASSAGE IDENTIFICATIONS: (20 points each):** In this section you will be asked to IDENTIFY passages drawn from the assigned primary sources in the ANDREA reader. All of the primary source readings assigned through the date of the midterm will be fair game. You will choose 2 (TWO) from 4 (FOUR) primary source passages that will appear on the exam. In about one exam booklet page for each passage, you must identify the SOURCE (Who wrote it? When? Where?), give the CONTEXT of the passage, and discuss its SIGNIFICANCE for understanding the historical forces at work in the period in question.

**PART 2: ESSAY QUESTION: (60 points):** In this section you will be asked to answer an essay question based on the material from our lectures and readings. Prepare the following essay questions, perhaps by making outlines or practice essays, devising responses that address ALL parts of the questions. You will choose 1 (ONE) from 2 (TWO) of these essays that will appear on the exam. In your answer, be sure to support your assertions with SPECIFIC EVIDENCE (dates, names, places, and terms) and PRIMARY SOURCES (from the ANDREA reader) whenever possible.

1. What factors led to the establishment of the Atlantic System and how did this system affect the social and political development of Africa and the Americas in the period from 1500 to 1750?
2. What was the Columbian Exchange and what were its environmental, cultural, and economic consequences for life in the Western Hemisphere and the Old World during the period from 1500 to 1750?

3. Discuss the empires of southern Eurasia [the Ottoman Empire, the Safavid Empire, and the Mughal Empire] during the period from 1500 to 1750. What factors account for the growth and success of these states during this period?
4. Discuss the empires of Northern Eurasia [the Ming and early Qing Empires of China, the Tokugawa Shogunate of Japan, and the Russian Empire] during the period from 1500 to 1750. Each of these states experienced tremendous changes and developments during this time. Were these changes due more to external pressures or internal and regional forces? Defend your answer.
5. Describe the economy and labor system established by the Spanish and Portuguese in their New World colonies. How did it differ from the colonies established by the French and the British in North America? How did it help to shape the kind of society that developed in colonial Latin America?

**REMEMBER:** The midterm exam is worth 30 % of your final grade, so prepare accordingly. All of the rules and expectations spelled out on the syllabus will apply to this examination, so be sure to familiarize yourself with them prior to the exam. Ignorance of the rules is never an excuse.