

THE MAKING OF THE MODERN WORLD 11: PREHISTORY AND ANCIENT
FOUNDATIONS

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This quarter of *The Making of the Modern World* introduces evolution, prehistory, and the early traditions of the ancient world. We will consider the development of the human species, prehistoric cultures, and the gradual emergence of civilizations in the ancient Near East, in Mesopotamia, Egypt, and Israel, the invention of democracy in the city-state of Athens in ancient Greece, the early history of India and the beginnings of Hinduism and Buddhism, the earliest Chinese traditions, the Confucianism and Taoism of classical China and China's first empire. We will focus on systems of thought, on the forms of social and political order that they support or challenge, and on the social, political, and religious practices of these peoples. We will place these early societies in historical context, examining the kinds of conflicts that arose with their development and the transformations of which they were part.

TEXTS: (Available at UCSD Bookstore)

J.H. Bentley and H. F. Ziegler, *Traditions and Encounters*. 5th Ed. Custom: The Making of the Modern World Program. Boston: McGraw-Hill, 2011. Print. ISBN-13: 978-1-25-914707-4 or ISBN-13: 978-0-07-755922-9

D. Damrosch and D.L. Pike, The Longman Anthology of World Literature, sec. ed.

Jared Diamond, "Yali's Question," prologue to Guns, Germs and Steel: The Fates of Human Societies, available on MMW website.

REQUIREMENTS:

This quarter of MMW is designed to teach critical thinking and close reading. The class will meet twice a week for lecture and once a week for section. Students are expected to complete reading before coming to lecture and section and to be prepared to discuss texts and issues raised. Required work includes: a midterm examination (30% of your grade), a final examination (45% of your grade), section attendance and participation (25% of your grade). To pass this MMW course, you must satisfy all course

requirements, including taking all exams and attending and participating in section.

The Pass/No Pass grading option is not permissible for MMW courses. All ERC students must take this course for a letter grade in order to fulfill the ERC general education requirement.

LECTURES AND READING ASSIGNMENTS

October 2: Introduction

Evolution and Prehistory

October 7: Evolution

Readings: Traditions and Encounters (= T &E): pages 4-10

October 9: Prehistory

Readings: T&E: 10-23; Diamond, "Yali's Question"

The Ancient Near East

OCTOBER 14: Mesopotamia

Readings: T&E: 24-37; 42-47; Longman: 11-25; 98-102

October 16: Egypt

Readings: T&E: 48-65; Longman: 25-27; 41-45

October 21: Israel

Readings: T&E: 37-41; Longman: 28-41; 46-56; 178-182

Ancient Greece

October 23: Athens: Early Greece and the rise of democracy

Readings: T&E: 188-194; Longman: 198-214; 560-567

October 28: Citizens, sexuality, and Greek drama

Reading: Longman: 562-567; 764-797

October 30: Religion and the Philosopher: Socrates
Readings: T&E: 201-209; Longman: 703-707; 709-725

On the way to India

November 4: Alexander the great
Readings: T&E: 196-201

November 6: *Midterm*

November 11: *Veterans Day Holiday*

India

November 13: Indus Civilization and Aryan Culture
Readings: T&E: 70-81; Longman: 798-806

November 18: Vedic Religion, Brahmanism and the Jains
Readings: T&E: 81-85; Longman: 809-830

November 20: Buddhism and the Mauryan Empire
Readings: T&E: 168-183; Longman: 854-860

China

November 25: Early Dynasties
Readings: T&E: 86-105; Longman: 1017-1033

November 27: *Thanksgiving Break*

December 2: Confucius and Taoism
Readings: T&E: 148-155; Longman: 1046-1068; 1077-1078; 1083

December 4: Sun Tzu, Legalism, and the Qin Dynasty
Readings: T&E: 156-159

December 9: The rest of the world: Lecture by Misha Miller-Sisson
Readings: T&E: 65-67; 106-111; 116-125

December 11: Conclusions

Final Exam

December 19, 11:30 AM-2:30 PM

Academic Integrity

It is your responsibility to know and observe all of the UCSD rules concerning academic integrity and plagiarism. You should familiarize yourself with your responsibilities and rights under the UCSD Policy on Integrity of Scholarship: (<http://senate.ucsd.edu/manual/appendices/appendix2.pdf>) and with MMW policies governing academic integrity included in the MMW Style Sheet. Any student found to have committed a substantial violation of the university rules concerning academic integrity will fail the entire course *and* the professor will initiate a charge of academic misconduct that may be noted on your academic record; other violations may result in failing one or more assignments and/or a charge of academic misconduct. A second offense will generally result in suspension or permanent expulsion from the university. If you have any questions about what constitutes plagiarism, how to credit the work of others properly, or how to evaluate sources for quality and reliability and how to avoid it, please talk to your TA and/or Prof. duBois to discuss the matter.

Students with Disabilities

Students requesting accommodations and services for this course due to a disability must provide a current Authorization for Accommodation (AFA) letter issued by the Office for Students with Disabilities (OSD) prior to eligibility for requests. Receipt of AFAs in advance is necessary for appropriate planning for the provision of reasonable accommodations. OSD Academic Liaisons also need to receive current AFA letters if there are any changes to accommodations. For additional information, contact the Office for Students with Disabilities: 858-534-4382 (V); 959-534-9709 (TTY – reserved for people who are deaf or hard of hearing); or email: osd@ucsd.edu. OSD Website: <http://disabilities.ucsd.edu>.

