

UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON
Department of History
Semester II, 1989-90

History 320

EARLY MODERN FRANCE, 1550-1815

Prof. Desan
5124 Humanities

Reading:

Robin Briggs, Early Modern France, 1560-1715.

Alfred Cobban, A History of Modern France, Volume 1: 1715-1799.

Molière, Middle-Class Gentlemen.

Montaigne, Selected Essays.

Rousseau, The Discourse on Inequality and the Social Contract.

Albert Soboul, A Short History of the French Revolution.

The books should be available at the University Bookstore and at Brown's. A xeroxed reader (required) is available at Kinko's at 620 University Avenue. These readings are marked (R).

Discussion sections will be held every other Friday. All students will take a one-hour exam (March 2) and a final exam. A paper (3-5 pages for 3-credit students and 7-9 pages for 4-credit students) will be due on April 12. There will also be two films shown during this course: "The Return of Martin Guerre" in Week 2 and "The Flight to Varennes" in Week 13.

Week 1 (January 22-26): INTRODUCTION: THE DIVERSITY OF FRANCE

Week 2 (January 29-February 2): RURAL LIFE

** Section

Reading: Robin Briggs, Early Modern France, 1560-1715, 35-76

Selections from N. Z. Davis, The Return of Martin Guerre (R)

**I will show the film "The Return of Martin Guerre" this week.

Week 3 (February 5-9): THE FRENCH RENAISSANCE & REFORMATION

Reading: Briggs, pp. 1-34

Rabelais; Dunn, Religious Wars; "Vindiciae contra tyrannos" (R)

Week 4 (February 12-17): WITCHCRAFT/ THE NEW MONARCHY

**Section

Reading: Montaigne, Selected Essays

Documents on images of women and on witchcraft (R)

Week 5 (February 19-23): PEASANT REVOLTS AND THE FRONDE

Reading: Briggs, pp. 77-211

Dunn Selection on the Rise of Absolutism (R)

Week 6 (February 26-March 2): SEVENTEENTH-CENTURY THOUGHT

* MIDTERM, Friday, March 2

Reading: Selections from Descartes and Pascal (R)

Week 7 (March 5-9): SOCIETY AND CULTURE UNDER LOUIS XIV

**Section

Reading: Moliere, Middle-Class Gentlemen

Selection from Bossuet, from Louis XIV's Letters and from Madame de Sevigné, selected letters (R)

Week 8 (March 12-16): 18TH-C. POLITICS, ECONOMY, & DIPLOMACY

Reading: A. Cobban, A History of Modern France, 1715-1799, 1-81
O. Hufton, "Women and the Family Economy in the 18th-Century" (R)

Week 9 (March 26-30): THE ENLIGHTENMENT

Reading: Cobban, pp. 82-90

Excerpts: Montesquieu, Persian Letters and The Encyclopedia (R)

Robert Darnton, "The High Enlightenment and Low-life Literature in Pre-revolutionary France" (R)

Week 10 (April 2-6): THE ENLIGHTENMENT II: ROUSSEAU

**Section

Reading: Rousseau, The Discourse on the Origins of Inequality and the Social Contract (pages to be announced)

Week 11: (April 9-11): REFORM VERSUS REVOLUTION

Reading: Cobban, pp. 90-151

*PAPER DUE on Wednesday April 11. Paper topics will be based on readings.

Week 12 (April 16-20): THE OUTBREAK OF THE FRENCH REVOLUTION

**Section

Reading: Cobban, pp. 152-200

Albert Soboul, A Short History of the French Revolution, pp. 1-85

Revolution Documents: Sieyès and the Declaration of the Rights of Man and Citizen (R)

Week 13 (April 23-27): THE RADICAL REVOLUTION

Reading: Cobban, pp. 200-241

Soboul, pp. 86-153

Revolution Documents: Olympe de Gouges and Robespierre (R).

**I will show the movie "La Nuit de Varennes" this week.

Week 14 (April 30-May 4): THE DIRECTORY/ REVOLUTIONARY LEGACY

**Section

Reading: Cobban, pp. 241-266

Soboul, pp. 153-168

Excerpt from James Miller, Rousseau: Dreamer of Democracy (R)

Levy & Applewhite, "Women and Political Revolution in Paris" (R) ,

Week 15: (May 7-11) NAPOLEON

Reading: Selections from G. Wright on Napoleon (R)

Final Exam

Books shelved as early-modern-history: Religion and the Decline of Magic: Studies in Popular Beliefs in Sixteenth and Seventeenth Century England by Keith... Early Modern History Books. Showing 1-50 of 2,365. Religion and the Decline of Magic: Studies in Popular Beliefs in Sixteenth and Seventeenth Century England (Paperback) by. Keith Thomas. (shelved 16 times as early-modern-history) avg rating 4.17 1,320 ratings published 1971. Want to Read saving... Want to Read. The Pursuit of Glory: Europe 1648-1815 (Hardcover) by. Timothy C.W. Blanning. (shelved 7 times as early-modern-history) avg rating 4.10 951 ratings published 2007. o At least one course exploring modern history and at least one course exploring pre-modern history o Other major requirements depending on track declared. o Global Track 4 courses representing four of eight geographic areas 2 electives. o Specialist Track 4 courses in one pathway (see courses below) o Cultures & Ideas o Empires & Colonialism o Revolution War & Politics o Social Justice o Before Modernity 2 electives. A historical dictionary of early modern France published in 1996 has entries for "Love" (courtship and marriage), "Sexuality" (premarital and extra-conjugal sex, masturbation and rape), and "Sexual..." Keywords. Eighteenth Century Police Report Early Modern Period Professional Historian French History. These keywords were added by machine and not by the authors. This process is experimental and the keywords may be updated as the learning algorithm improves. Praeger, 2001. 320 p. Following her defeat in the Spanish-American War of 1898, Spain shifted her colonial focus to her Protectorate in northern Morocco. When Spanish conscripts began to fight and to die by the thousands, political fallout forced the government to create a new unit of professional soldiers. Using primary sources, this book examines the history of declaring war in the early modern era up to the writing of the US Constitution to identify the influence of early modern history on the framing of the Constitution. This study explores the... Yet most modern history books devote a page or two at most. This is perhaps not surprising since the Peasants War is surrounded by racist and socialist scholarship - Friedrich Engels famously wrote about it in 1850 from a... The second concerns the principal consequence of that Price Revolution: so-called "profit inflation", which he saw as the fundamental instrument in the birth of modern industrial capital-ism.2 His theories have, of course, been subject to repeated attacks, and also to some unfair ridicule during the past seventy years.3. German Silver Mining, Merchant-Banking, and Venetian Commerce, 1470-1540, in Dennis Flynn, Arturo Giráldez, and Richard von Glahn, eds., Global Connections and Monetary History, 1470-1800 (Aldershot and Brookeld, Vt: Ashgate Publishing, 2003), pp. 1-34; John Munro, "Inflation", in Jonathan Dewald, et al, eds., Europe, 1450-1789: Encyclopedia of the Early Modern World (New York: Charles Scribner's Sons/The Gale.