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Fall Semester 2020

History 100-04

Guns, Germs, Steel, and the Spanish Conquest: Syllabus of Readings

Week 1. Introduction and Overview

Thursday, 29 October

What Factors Explain European Predominance?

Diamond, "Prologue" and "Chapter 1."

Friday, 30 October

What were the Advantages Behind European Predominance?

Diamond, "Chapter 2" through "Chapter 4"

Monday, 2 November

How did Geography determine Differences in Food Production?

Diamond, "Chapter 5" through "Chapter 9."

Tuesday, 3 November

How did Differences in Food Production create Differences in Disease and Writing?

Diamond, "Chapter 10" through "Chapter 12."

Wednesday, 4 November

How did Differences in Food Production create Differences in Technology and Social Organization?

Diamond, "Chapter 13" and "Chapter 14."

Thursday, 5 November

According to Diamond, how did these Differences play out historically?

Diamond, "Chapter 15" and "Chapter 16."

Friday, 6 November

According to Diamond, how did these Differences play out historically?

Diamond, "Chapter 17" and "Chapter 18."

Sunday, 8 November

First Paper Assignment: Due at noon.

Week 2. The Initial Phase in the Caribbean

Monday, 9 November

Columbus in Context: Why Go to America?

1. The Santa Fe Capitulations, 1492.
2. The Granada Capitulations, 1492.
3. The Columbus' Letter, 1492.
4. Columbus' Warrant for a Second Voyage, 1493. All in one PDF on Blackboard

Tuesday, 10 November

How Did the Encounter Proceed at the Local Level?

1. Instructions to Columbus, 1497.
2. The Instructions of the Government of the Indies, 1501.
3. The Decree on Indian Labor, 1503.
4. The Advent Sermons of Antonio Montesinos, 1511. All in one PDF on Blackboard

Wednesday, 11 November

How did the encounter proceed at the local level?

Monday, 30 November

What do Historians debate about the Conquest of Mexico?

Carrasco, "Quetzalcoatl's Revenge."

Tuesday, 1 December

What do Historians debate about the Conquest of Mexico? II

Brooks, "Motecuzoma Xocoyotl, Hernán Cortés, and Bernal Díaz."

Wednesday, 2 December

What Happened in Peru?

MacQuarrie, 15-85.

Thursday, 3 December

What Happened in Peru?

MacQuarrie, 86-137.

Friday, 4 December

What Happened in Peru?

MacQuarrie, 138-192.

Sunday, 6 December

Draft Annotated Book Report. But also read the Annotated Bibliography Assignment.

Due at noon.

Week 6. The Conquest in the Andes

Monday, 7 December

What Happened in Peru?

MacQuarrie, 193-258.

Tuesday, 8 December

What Happened in Peru?

MacQuarrie, 259-304.

Wednesday, 9 December

What Happened in Peru?

MacQuarrie, 305-378.

Thursday, 10 December

How Do Scholars Understand This?

Guilmartin, "The Cutting Edge," on e-reserve.

Friday, 11 December

What is a Different View?

