

HISTORY 201

THE HISTORY OF EUROPE

EARLY MODERN EUROPE: THE BIRTH OF MODERN EUROPEAN CIVILIZATION



In History 201, we will examine the history of European from the Renaissance to the Industrial Revolution, roughly 1350 to the early 1800s, what historians call Early Modern Europe. Many of the foundations of our own world took recognizable shape in this period, and in the broadest terms, we focus on several of these themes: the evolution of the modern nation-state, the development of modern ideas of progress, and the creation of the modern idea of the individual. Portions of the course are devoted to the Renaissance and Reformation, wars of religion, the development of absolute monarchies, the Scientific Revolution, the Enlightenment, the French Revolution and Napoleon, everyday life, and the Industrial Revolution.

There will be one custom textbook to buy for this course, and there will be two short (5-7 pages) papers, a midterm test, and a final exam.