

HTST 301 – THE WORLD TO 1500

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This course will survey the social, economic, political, military, and cultural history of great ancient and pre-modern world civilizations and empires in the Middle East, India, China, Japan, Europe, and the Americas. We'll also look at the impact of these civilizations and empires on each other and on the modern world, and along the way, we'll meet a number of fascinating women and men, including Confucius, Alexander the Great, the Byzantine Empress Theodora, Empress Wu Chao of China, Genghis Khan, Joan of Arc, and the founders of today's great religions.

The texts for this course are William J. Duiker and Jackson J. Spielvogel, *World History, Volume I: To 1800, Seventh Edition* (Nelson, 2013) [available as a hard copy or an e-book], and Dennis Sherman et al., *World Civilizations: Sources, Images, and Interpretations, Volume I, Fourth Edition* (McGraw-Hill, 2006).