



COLLEGE OF ARTS & SCIENCES

Course Syllabus

Course	HIST 1010 Ideas in History: Terrorism and the Middle East Spring 2, 2010
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Course Description	Examines the history of ideas and the role played by ideas in the social, cultural, and political evolution of nations and peoples. Roots of Terrorism, Origins of Islamic terrorism; jihad; suicide; Israel and the Palestinians; Intelligence failures; The Far Right; Anti-Americanism: Battlefields of the Future: India and Central Asia; the International Brigade; War against the West.
Incoming Competencies (Prerequisites)	Student should be admitted to the Webster University BA/BS/BSN Program.
Course Materials	<u>No End To War: Terrorism in the Twenty-First Century</u> by LaQueur, Continuum Press, N.Y. 2004, 15 E. 26 th St, NY, NY 10010; ISBN 0-8264-1656-X.
Course Grading	Each journal entry is worth 25 pts X 8= 200pts Each TV response is worth 25 pts= 50-75pts Each discussion is worth 35 pts X 4= 140pts. Final Round Table Discussion is worth 200pts 590-615 pts total
Policy Statements	Academic Dishonesty: Webster University strives to be a center of academic excellence. As part of our Statement of Ethics, the University strives to preserve academic honor and integrity by repudiating all forms of academic and intellectual dishonesty, including cheating, plagiarism and all other forms of academic dishonesty. Academic Dishonesty is unacceptable and is subject to a disciplinary response. See page 29 of the Webster University 2005-2007 Graduate Catalog for a complete description. The University reserves the right to utilize electronic databases, such as Turnitin.com, to assist faculty and students with their academic work.
Note	This syllabus may be revised at the discretion of the instructor without prior notification or consent of the student.
Methods	Each student will keep a journal. Each week cover 1-2 entries. You will take on the identity of a person you selected from the list provided. You will become that person for 8 weeks. Each entry should have a minimum of 2 sources, other than your text. Use a variety of materials. Do not use the Internet exclusively. Be careful using certain sites, as material on this topic can be very biased and sometimes downright wrong-but it can be helpful to

you to see the mindset of people in other parts of the world, who do not see the world as you do.

Final Project

We will have a Round Table discussion. You will be representing your character. We will discuss the following chapters (9-10) and the “Conclusion” and “Appendix” from the text. At that time, turn in a Final Bibliography of at least 15-20 sources, other than your text that you actually used.

Each evening that we meet, you will be responsible for a discussion over chapters in text that were assigned, TV response, and the journal entries completed.

<u>Week</u>	<u>Topic</u>
1	TV segment; assign characters; Journal entries 1-2 (Your background and country from 1945-59) (Background on Ireland, as ex.) Go to the movies!
2	Discussion; Collect TV response and journal entries. Assignment: Chapters 3, 4, 5; journal entries 3 (1960s)-4 (1970s)-5 (1980s). TV segment.
3	Discussion on chapters read; collect journal entries and TV response; Assignment: Chapters 6-7-8; journal entries 6 (1990s)-7 (2000-2005)-8 (2006 and beyond)
4	Discussion; collect journal entries and final copy of journal.
5	Final. Prepare 9-10 in text as well as conclusion and appendix for Round Table (can use notes)

You may select from the following “characters” and their country, or area of origin:

1. a member of Mossad (Israel)
2. a Chechnyan guerilla (Russian)
3. a Tamil Tiger member (Sri Lanka)
4. a Palestinian suicide bomber, who is a member of Hamas and has lived in Egypt
5. an EU official working on “home grown” terrorism in Europe. He can be either British, French, Spanish or Italian
6. an official of the new Iraq government, a Shia living in the “Green Zone” of Baghdad
7. a member of Karzi’s government, a farmer warlord in Afghanistan
8. an official in the government of Iran or North Korea. Take your pick!
9. a member of Hezbollah, who is Syrian, working in Lebanon
10. a CIA official, who has worked for the Agency for 40 years, has been stationed overseas for most of his career.