

Western Civilization 101 Course Outline – Paleolithic Age Through the Renaissance**I. Introduction – explanation of course requirements and the beginnings of modern Civilization.**

- A. Why study history?
- B. Paleolithic and Neolithic ages
- C. Mesopotamia and the Babylonian empire
- D. Egyptian civilization
- E. The Hebrew Kingdom – Israel

Test I**II. Classical Civilization – the Greeks and Romans**

- A. Early Greece
- B. Greek Political systems
- C. Greek philosophy
- D. Athens and Sparta
- E. Alexander's empire
- F. Early Rome
- G. The Roman Republic
- H. The Age of Dictators – Julius Caesar and Augustus
- I. The Roman Empire
- J. Pax Romana
- K. The Decline of Rome
- L. Why compare Rome with the United States?

Test II**III. The Growth of Modern Religions and the Byzantine Empire**

- A. Polytheism and monotheism
- B. Judaism
- C. Christianity
- D. The Rise of Islam
- E. The Rise and Fall of the Byzantine Empire
- F. The Split within Christianity

Test III**IV. The Frankish Kingdom, Feudalism and the Crusades**

- A. The creation of the Frankish Kingdom
- B. The Franks and the Papacy
- C. The Papal States
- D. Charlemagne's kingdom
- E. The Treaty of Verdun and the Collapse of the Frankish Kingdom
- F. Feudalism – the end of empires and kingdoms
- G. The Holy Wars – The Crusades
- H. The Rise of the Bourgeoisie (middle class), towns and cities, capitalism, money, and banking

TEST IV

- V. The Unification of modern England and France and the rise of Church and Papal power.
- A. The Battle of Hastings, 1066 AD, The unification of England
 - B. Henry II and the Royal Court
 - C. Church vs. King - Henry II and Thomas Beckett
 - D. King John and Magna Carta
 - E. The Hundred Years' War
 - F. The Wars of the Roses in England
 - G. The House of Tudor - England unified
 - H. France under the rule of Philip IV (Philip the Fair)
 - I. The Rise of Church authority in the Middle Ages
 - J. Pope Gregory the Great
 - K. The Reforms of the Cluny monastic movement
 - L. The abolition of "Lay Investiture"
 - M. The Sacraments
 - N. Heresy and the Inquisition
 - O. The Friars
 - P. The Scholastics
 - Q. Faith vs. Reason
 - R. The Decline of Church authority

TEST V

- VI. The Renaissance, the Protestant Reformation, and European Exploration and expansion
- A. Rebirth in Italy
 - B. Humanism
 - C. The Art and Literature of the Renaissance
 - D. Explaining the World in Natural terms
 - E. The Decline of Church Authority
 - F. Martin Luther
 - G. The Protestant Reformation
 - H. The Split in Western Christianity
 - I. Calvinism
 - J. Seeking an ocean route to India and the Indies
 - K. Columbus
 - L. European Exploration of the New World
 - M. Summary of the Course

TEST VI, The Final Exam