

**HISTORY 368**  
**Europe in the Nineteenth Century**  
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**INFORMATION ABOUT THE COURSE**

Welcome to History 368! This course offers a survey and interpretation of the main themes in European history from the French Revolution to the eve of the First World War. We will examine the great political, economic and ideological transformations which took place in Europe during the nineteenth century, but we will also focus on the lives and experiences of ordinary European women and men as reflected both in primary sources written by real people and in works of fiction written by nineteenth-century authors who encapsulated the values and obsessions of their time. Working our way through the long nineteenth century, we will see how the cultural and political achievements of this dynamic epoch of European history coexisted with economic exploitation, class conflict and a gendered social order. We will also consider the growing international tensions which culminated in the catastrophic outbreak of war in 1914.

The course will meet once a week. Each three-hour class will include both a lecture component and a discussion period. Evaluation will be based on written assignments, contributions to class discussion, and a final examination.

**Required Texts**

The following texts should be purchased at the UBC Bookstore:

Mike Rapport, *The Napoleonic Wars: A Very Short Introduction*

Mark Traugott, ed., *The French Worker: Autobiographies from the Early Industrial Era*

Honoré de Balzac, *Eugénie Grandet*

Anne Brontë, *Agnes Grey*

Edgar Feuchtwanger, *Bismarck: A Political History*, 2nd ed.

Additional required readings will be available on the course website or through the UBC Library website.

**Assignments**

A *review essay* comparing the novels *Eugénie Grandet* and *Agnes Grey* will be due on Feb. 22.

*The term paper* will be due on April 4.

Detailed information concerning these assignments will be distributed well before the due dates.

In addition, occasional short assignments will be due as announced the previous week.

**Examination**

There will be a final examination during the April examination period. Please note that the date and time of the exam is set by Enrollment Services, not by the instructor.

**Course Website**

After being distributed in class, copies of the syllabus and the assignments will also be available on the course website. Two of the reading assignments are also available from this site.

To access the course website, google  
Chris Friedrichs' Teaching and Research Site  
 Under Courses, select History 368

**Components of the Final Grade**

Short assignments, quizzes and class participation	20%
Review essay assignment	20%
Term paper	40%
Final exam	20%

**Grading scale**

Grading will be based on the scale established by the UBC Senate:

A+	90-100
A	85-89
A-	80-84
B+	76-79
B	72-75
B-	68-71
C+	64-67
C	60-64
C-	55-59
D	50-54
F	0-49

**Academic Honesty**

UBC expects academic honesty from all of its students. Detailed guidelines will be provided as needed, but the basic idea is very simple: always give credit where credit is due. There are serious penalties for lapses. If you are unsure about any aspect of this, always consult your instructor.

## LECTURE TOPICS AND WEEKLY ASSIGNMENTS

<u>Dates</u>	<u>Lecture Topics</u>	<u>Reading Assignments</u>
Jan. 4	Introduction to the Course: The Revolutionary Era	No reading assignment
Jan. 11	Early 19th-Century Europe and the Growth of Nationalism	Rappart, <i>The Napoleonic Wars</i> (ch. 6 optional)
Jan. 18	Economic Changes and Their Social Impact	Feuchtwanger, chap. 1 Traugott, chap. 2 Lytton Strachey, "Florence Nightingale," Part I (on course website)
Jan. 25	Liberalism and Socialism	Traugott, chap. 3 <b>OR</b> chap. 4 Jo Burr Mardagant, "Gender, Vice and the Political Imaginary in Nineteenth-Century France: Reinterpreting the Failure of the July Monarchy, 1830-1848," <i>American Historical Review</i> 104 (1999), 1461-96 (available online through UBC Library site)
Feb. 1	Religion, Education and the Quality of Life	Barry Reay, "The Context and Meaning of Popular Literacy: Some Evidence from Nineteenth-Century Rural England," <i>Past and Present</i> 131 (May 1991), 89-129 (available online through UBC Library) Helen Rogers, "The Way to Jerusalem: Writing and Reform in an Early Victorian Gaol," <i>Past and Present</i> 205 (Nov. 2009), 71-104 (available online through UBC Library) Report on Conditions in British Coal Mines, 1842 (on course website)
Feb. 8	No class (statutory holiday)	
Feb. 15	No class (UBC Reading Break)	

**Note:** During these two weeks, students will read *Eugénie Grandet* and *Agnes Grey* and write an essay comparing these two novels. The assignment is due in class on Monday, Feb. 22. Detailed information about this assignment will be provided well in advance.

<b>Dates</b>	<b>Lecture Topics</b>	<b>Reading Assignments</b>
Feb. 22	The Revolution of 1848	Balzac, <i>Eugénie Grandet</i> Brontë, <i>Agnes Grey</i> <b>Review essay due in class</b>
Feb. 29	Mid-Century Conflicts and Struggles	Traugott, chap. 5 Fabrice Bensimon, "British Workers in France, 1815-1848," <i>Past and Present</i> 213 (Nov. 2011) 147-89 (available online through UBC Library) Feuchtwanger, chap. 2
March 7	International Conflicts and Working-Class Politics	Feuchtwanger, chaps. 3-5 Lytton Strachey, "Florence Nightingale," Parts II-III (on course website) Traugott, chap. 6
March 14	Politics and Society in the the Era of High Imperialism	Feuchtwanger, chaps. 6-8 Daniela L. Caglioti, "Waging War on Civilians: The Expulsion of Aliens in the Franco-Prussian War," <i>Past and Present</i> 221 (Nov. 2013), 161-95 (available online through UBC Library) Traugott, chap. 7
March 21	<i>Fin-de-siècle</i> Politics and Society	Feuchtwanger, intro., chaps. 9-12 & concl. Lytton Strachey, "Florence Nightingale," Parts IV-V (on course website)
March 28	No class (statutory holiday)	
<b>Note:</b> Students will be working on their term papers this week. The term paper is due in the class on Monday, April 4. Detailed information about the term paper assignment will be provided well in advance.		
April 4	Understanding the Nineteenth Century	Hermann Heiberg, "The Eighth Job" (1893) (this short text will be distributed in advance) <b>Term paper due</b>