

History 275a

Revolutionary France, 1789-1871

Fall 2012

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Date	Lecture Topic	Reading
August 29	Introduction	
August 31 (Friday)	The Ancien Régime	
September 5	Expanding Public Sphere and the Influence of the Enlightenment	Peter McPhee, <i>The French Revolution, 1789-1799</i> , pp. 4-23
September 10	The Final Crisis of Louis XVI	McPhee, pp. 24-49
September 12	The Fall of the Monarchy	Timothy Tackett, <i>The King's Flight</i>
September 17	To the Left: Jacobins and <i>Sans-Culottes</i>	McPhee, pp. 50-108
September 19	Counter-Revolution	McPhee, pp. 109-30
September 24	Maximilien Robespierre and the Terror	McPhee, pp. 131-53
September 26	Thermidor	McPhee, pp. 154-204
October 1	Napoleon Bonaparte	John Merriman, <i>A History of Modern Europe</i> (third edition), pp. 479-512

October 3	Monarchy Restored: Altar and Throne Gordon Wright, <i>France in Modern Times</i> , pp. 89-105
October 8	Middle Classes Honoré de Balzac, <i>Old Goriot</i>
October 10	Midterm Examination
October 15	The Revolution of 1830 Merriman, pp. 593-98
October 17	The Changing World of Work
October 22	Utopian Socialism Wright, pp. 106-35
October 29	The Agony of the Second Republic Karl Marx, <i>The Eighteenth Brumaire of Louis Napoleon Bonaparte</i> ; Merriman, pp. 614-19, 626-28, 638-40
October 31	Bonapartism Merriman, pp. 725-31
November 5	Large-scale Industrialization
November 7	The Cultures of Drink Émile Zola, <i>L'Assommoir</i>
November 12	Church and State Wright, pp. 171-181
November 14	The Rural World: Schooling and National Identity
November 26	The Rebuilding of Paris Wright, pp. 182-195
November 28	The Siege of Paris Merriman, pp. 731-36; Alain Corbin, <i>Village of Cannibals</i>
December 3	The Paris Commune
December 5	Massacre

Course requirements, besides good humor. there will be a weekly discussion section, time to be arranged. One of the sections will be taught in French. A short paper will be required, in consultation with the instructors. There will be a mid-term examination, and a final exam, which may be taken either as a written or oral examination

