

HISTORY 216 (Modern Europe II)

Final Exam Study Guide

Date of Exam: Monday, April 9 (9 am – Noon), Tye 205



"It's Gorbachev. Can you chat?"

Nine of the pairs of terms listed below will appear on the final exam. **You will be expected to write mini-essays of approximately three double-spaced white book pages apiece on four of the terms.** To be fully prepared, then, you need to **come into the exam ready to write about any five of the terms** below. I will be looking for a minimum of duplication of information in your different mini-essays.

The Mini-Essays

The mini-essays should combine important details (What? When? Who? Where? Why? How?) with a discussion of historical significance. Try to integrate important facts within an overall analysis. What context might you provide? Can you move beyond a discussion of the term's immediate significance and connect it to other events, ideas, or people in the course? Can you imaginatively use the term to say something interesting about European history?

Instead of individual identifications, each mini-essay asks you to bring together two terms. How can the two terms be fit together? What possible central theme might you use to focus your mini-essay. In the case of individuals, ask yourself what is similar and what is different about the people involved. Did they face similar issues and, if so, how did they try to resolve these? Can you make links that offer insights about respective national, philosophical, or religious developments and traditions?



"Being defeated at Waterloo was bad enough. But then to lose all his contracts for product endorsements!"

THE TERMS

1. Napoleon I and Napoleon III
2. Unification of Germany and Unification of Italy
3. Otto Von Bismarck and Queen Victoria
4. Assassination of Alexander II and Assassination of Franz Ferdinand II
5. Treaty of Versailles, the Munich Pact of 1938 and the "Lessons" of History
6. Verdun and Auschwitz
7. Lenin and Mikhail Gorbachev
8. Benito Mussolini and Francisco Franco
9. Winston Churchill and Charles de Gaulle
10. NATO and the European Union