

York College, CUNY

HIST 108 FINAL EXAM

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Part 1 Contemporary Issues

The final exam will be an opportunity for students in the course to put together a presentation of their previous class assignment and create a **PPT OR Story Map and an MP4 OR Voice Thread** of a summary of all your work from the beginning of the semester that you have learned in the course by selecting any ONE (or more interrelated) global issues or challenges in the 21st century.

You can "tell history" from World History 108 class on your selected topic (with the option to receive a certificate from the IHRC - International Human rights Commission (see below for those interested in the IHRC certificate).

Part 2: Current Challenges

Discuss how the problem or challenge have affected and continue to affect a specific population, a nation, a people, a society, a region, a country, a continent or a movement. Describe the specific world event, the geographical location, what happened and how the population, nation or group etc were affected.

Part 3: Future Opportunities

Include in your final exam discussion and presentation the following:

As a take away from this course, what in your opinion would you consider to be your recommended "Blue Print" or "International framework for the 21st Century" or to "Rewrite History" based on the selected problem or challenge? Explain why, provide specific examples, recommendations or solutions.

Part 4: REFERENCES

References / any other info you would like to include such as maps, images etc See guidelines below.

Suggested Resources on Global Challenges

Global Era Issues: World 101 - <https://world101.cfr.org/global-era-issues>

Global Issues at the UN: <https://www.un.org/en/sections/issues-depth/global-issues-overview/index.html>

Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs): <https://www.un.org/sustainabledevelopment/>

GUIDELINES

1. Select ONE of the discussion above and research the topic based on previous class readings, assignments, discussions AND your individual research.
2. Create a 10 (to 15 page) PPT presentation of your response to ANY ONE of the discussions above (see resources for possible global challenges).
3. Feel free to make use of images, maps, timelines etc but make sure they are labelled appropriately on each slide and you justify the use with clear explanation.
4. The title, summary and reference pages are NOT part of the 10 – 15 PPT slide pages including a 10 minutes voice over summary of the presentation (you are welcome to do a story map presentation if you feel comfortable doing one otherwise a ppt and voice summary is fine).
5. Make sure that you have adequate notes to your presentation at the bottom explaining your responses (as you would as if making a live presentation in front of an audience).
6. Make use of BOTH in text and separate reference page and cite accordingly. Utilize a minimum of 5 references / resources. DO NOT COPY AND PASTE WEB LINKS AS REFERENCES. See the folder on BB on how to cite (for example, use author, date, article title, publication title etc and not just weblinks such as www.history.com). Make use of periodicals etc and if you get info from a webpage, make sure you cite appropriately.
7. DO NOT copy and paste sentences or paragraphs. Make sure to put in quotations, summarize, paraphrase and use your own words. See the writing center (online help) if you need help with your papers or the folders on the BB page on writing.
8. The initial PPT point presentation should be posted to the week 15 discussion forum for others to comment and provide feedback etc.
9. This presentation PPT slides and SUMMARY PAPER is due by Sunday December 13th 11:30PM. Post in BB assignment folder under Final Exam.
10. PLEASE PLAN AHEAD. NO “INC GRADE” OFFERED FOR THE COURSE. Final grades posted on Wednesday December 23rd to registrar.

If you are opting for the Human Rights Certificate from IHRC, please follow these directions below in addition to the final exam requirements above.

IHRC certificates / recognition (optional)

Students wishing to earn a certificate from the International Human Rights Commission may include in their final exam presentation a discussion on the challenges of human rights to the global problem they have selected and include in the recommendations or solutions the relevance and the importance of human rights to these global problem or challenges (you may include info from your response paper from week 13).

IHRC students will also need to take the 1st and last course lessons on HR and attend a briefing event by the Secretary General of IHRC on December 10th – International Human Rights Day.

After successfully meeting all these requirements, these students will be honored at an event (virtual or in person - TBA) at the UN and provided certificates and other recognitions.

Here is the link to get to the courses. There are 11 lessons but you just need to take the 1st (lesson 1: The Story of Human Rights) and last (lesson 11: Human Rights Successful Applications). They are pretty short and relatively easy to complete: about 2 hours. Make sure to complete all the sections / components of each lesson. Once complete, contact me to inform how to upload the lessons and presentation. If you are not opting for the IHRC certificate, post your final exam as directed above. If you are opting for the IHRC certificate, first post the final exam requirement as directed above to BB and then contact me on how to upload the HR lessons and ppt presentation to IHRC.

You are invited to enroll our YOUTH FOR HUMAN RIGHTS Online Class. Simply go to:
<http://education.youthforhumanrights.org/?student>

and follow the instructions to enroll as a student. Use the class code I have provided here to join the class: **RG5B7439934** Once you are logged on, you can click on the blue question marks at the top right of the screen for basic instructions on how to use the system.

Requirements: The research paper must be a minimum of 5 pages and a PPT presentation. Footnotes/endnotes citing all sources used must be included using the proper format: APA or MLA. A bibliography must also be included. No more than two sources may be from Internet web sites. Any Internet sites must include web addresses.

Plagiarism will not be tolerated and is an automatic “F” on the paper and in this class.

Style Guide:

Due Date: The paper is due on **THE LAST DAY OF THE FINAL EXAMS** as designated on the **YORK COLLEGE Final Examination calendar** for this course. Papers may be submitted earlier upon completion. Papers received after the due date will be penalized by one grade letter.

