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HISTORY OF SPANISH CULTURE

I. Introduction

Course overview. Geography of Iberian Peninsula.

II. MEDIEVAL SPAIN: Christians, Muslims and Jews. Coexistence and Intolerance.

Al-Andalus: Medieval Muslim Spain

Al-Andalus: Hispano-Muslim Art. Principal Monuments. The formation of the Christian Kingdoms.

El Camino de Santiago: The rise of urban centers in the late Medieval period.

Gothic and Mudejar Art: Art as a reflection of historical context.

Sefarad: Jewish Spain.

The Catholic Monarchs: legacy and consequences

The discovery of America.

Field Trips:

September 20: Visit to the Archaeological Museum

September 29: Toledo: Gothic Cathedral, Jewish Quarter, Synagogue

October 26-29: Granada and Cordoba: Cathedral, Jewish Quarter, Royal Fortress, Medieval Urban Development

November 24: Segovia: Fortress and Roman Churches

Movie: *Juana la loca* (October 9)

Evaluation: Midterm exam on Medieval Spain. Short essay about trip to the American Museum and questions on "Joan the Mad". Essay about "*Tales of the Alhambra*" by Washington Irving

III. The Hapsburg Empire

Charles V and Phillip II. The birth of an Empire.

The Protestant Reformation.

The Counterreformation and the Inquisition.

The last Hapsburgs. *Validos* and the decadence of an Empire.

The Spanish Golden Age. Baroque art as religious and political propaganda.

Field Trips:

Lope de Vega's House
Prado Museum. Paintings by Velazquez
Escorial Monastery – Optional

Movie: *Alatriste*

Evaluation: Assignments regarding Lope de Vega's House and the movie *Alatriste* and Final Exam

IV. The Bourbons: Enlightenment and Revolution

The War of Sucession and the Treaty of Utrecht
The arrival of a new monarchy: the Bourbons
The Enlightenment and French Revolution's influence on Spain
The Napoleonic Invasion and the War of Independence. Francisco de Goya.
¿Liberal or Absolutist? 19th century political and social movements in Spain.
Spain's Industrial Development
"The Cuban Disaster" 1898

Field Trips:

Royal Palace in Madrid
Goya's frescos in San Antonio de la Florida

Movie: *Los años bárbaros*

V. The 20th Century and Beyond

Radical Movements during the first half of the 20th century
The 2nd Spanish Republic
The Spanish Civil War (1936-1939)
Francoism
Transition to democracy
Spain today: Division of powers. Incorporation in the European Union.
Debates regarding Contemporary Spain

Field Trip:

November 22: House of Representatives

Evaluation: Oral exam, short essays on selected texts and a debate. Analysis of current newspaper's articles.