

HI 284
History of War
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“Homo homini lupus est”

Administrative Information

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Required Readings

Keegan - *Face of Battle*, 76 (Peng USA), ISBN 9780140048971
Townshend - *Oxford History of Modern War*, 05 (Oxf), ISBN 9780192806451
Keegan - *Book of War*, 99 (Peng USA), ISBN 9780140296556
Nolan, *Allure of Battle* (Hardcopy or Kindle)

And articles and review essays posted online to the HI 284 page on [Blackboard](#).

Grading:

Book review 1	25%	Due: October 12
Midterm	25%	Date: October 26
Book review 2	25%	Due: November 30
Final exam	25%	TBA by University
Discussion group	up to 5%	<i>To be assigned by TF as a bonus for active participation</i>

The penalty for lateness on assignments is **5% per day** (including weekends). After five days, papers will **not** be accepted and a grade of “0” will result. No extensions will be granted without evidence of illness or bereavement. **You MUST attend the final. Do not make travel plans that conflict with the exam.** You will not be exempted from sitting the final exam on the set date if you ignore this warning.

Tutorials:

Attendance is voluntary, but encouraged. You have the opportunity to discuss lecture material, go beyond it, discuss your reviews and exams with the people who grade them, and broaden your knowledge of war. The Teaching Assistant will also hold office hours and be available on email. And they control a possible bonus of up to 5% for active participation in the voluntary tutorials. Time(s) and place(s) TBA.

BU Required notification on plagiarism policy: The *Academic Conduct Code* contains the BU definition of plagiarism. Familiarize yourself with it, since it governs all possible charges and penalties. To avoid unintended plagiarism, learn correct citation of sources. *The discussion groups may aid you in this task.*

You **must** save all written work in **electronic form** in addition to submitting a hard copy. A *random selection* (with some targeted names), will be made for scanning by **anti-plagiarism software** (Note: do NOT submit unless requested).

For basic citation and other writing assistance consult your TF & the clear and concise *Writing Guide*, which is posted on the course Blackboard site in the folder “Tips on Writing.” **NO “MLA” CITATION.** Do **NOT** cite sources inside the text (e.g., *Smith 1995*). Use footnotes or endnotes (Chicago style). **Failure to abide by this rule for History papers will result in a 5% penalty.**

This warning is ignored by some students every year, and every year someone surrenders 5% for failure to read and abide by course rules. Don’t let it be you.

Lecture And Reading Schedule

For the most part, lectures will *not* repeat information provided in the texts. Lectures are used to highlight signal changes in the history of modern warfare, sometimes by traditional focus on a battle or campaign, other times by exploring the experience of war by ordinary people. Approach the readings on a topical or weekly basis. It is, of course, best to read ahead. You should discuss readings in the TF group sections.

Introduction

Online:

- Review: *Saving Private Ryan*
- **Watch the opening 22 minutes of the film**. Many of you will have seen this already.
- Nolan, *Allure of Battle: Introduction*

The Infantry and Gunpowder Revolutions

Oxford History of Modern War: "Military Revolution I"

Keegan, *The Face of Battle*: "Agincourt" (do **not** read the *Introduction*: it is misleading and dreadfully dull).

Keegan, *Book of War*:

- Froissart, Battle of Crecy
- Wavrin, A French Knight's Account of Agincourt
- Wheatcroft, The Fall of Constantinople

Nolan, *Allure of Battle*: Battle in History, Battle Retarded

War on the Margins of Empire

Nolan, *Allure of Battle*: Battle Reformed

Keegan, *Book of War*:

- Mendoze, Botching, Disorder, and Chaos
- Clendinnen, Aztecs
- Regueneau, Attack by Iroquois Warriors
- Crockett, Davy Crockett

From Galleys to Fighting Sail

Online:

- Enlightenment at Sea: "The Soul's Right Hand": Command and Control in the Age of Fighting Sail"

Linear Warfare

Oxford History of Modern War:

- "Military Revolution II"
- "Battle: The Experience of Modern Combat"

Keegan, *Book of War*:

- Dunbar, Braddock
- Southey, Battle of Blenheim
- Campbell, Hohenlinden

Nolan, *Allure of Battle*: Battle with Reason, Battle Restored

Nations at War

Nolan, *Allure of Battle*: Battle Decisive, Battle Defeated

Keegan, *The Face of Battle*, "Waterloo"

Oxford History of Modern War:

- "Nation in Arms I"
- "Technology and War I (to 1945)"

Keegan, *Book of War*:

- A Gentleman, Battle of Vittorio
- Victor Hugo, Russia 1812
- Wheeler, Letters of Private Wheeler
- Wellington, Dispatch from Waterloo

Midterm Exam

The Long 19th Century

Oxford History of Modern War:

- "Nation in Arms II"
- "Imperial Wars"
- "Sea Warfare "

Online:

- [Lincoln's Second Inaugural Address]
- Gettysburg Address
- Apache Wars
- Surrender oration of Chief Joseph (in *Course Documents* main folder)

Nolan, *Allure of Battle*: Battle Exalted, Battle of Annihilation (Franco-Prussian War, and after)"

Keegan, *Book of War*:

- Bodell, A soldier's view of Empire
- Freemantle, The Freemantle Diary
- Stephen Crane, War is Kind

World War I

Nolan, *Allure of Battle*: Annihilation of Battle, Annihilation of Strategy

Keegan, *The Face of Battle*: "The Somme"

Oxford History of Modern War:

- "The Great War"
- "War and the People: The Social Impact of Total War"

Keegan, *Book of War*:

- Rommel, Infantry Tactics
- Rogerson, Twelve Days
- Glubb, A Soldier's Diary
- Sassoon, The General
- Owen, Anthem for a Dead Youth

World War II

Nolan, *Allure of Battle*: Annihilation of Nations, Annihilation of Mercy, Annihilation of Illusions

Oxford History of Modern War:

- "Second World War"
- "Air Warfare"

Keegan, *Book of War*:

- Orwell, Wounded
- Churchill, May 1940 Broadcast
- Stahlberg, Bounden Duty (2) and (3)
- Osmont, Normandy Diary
- Pyle, Battle of Normandy
- Lawrence, Bombing Nagasaki

Post-1945 Warfare:

Keegan, *The Face of Battle*: "The Future of Battle"

Nolan, *Allure of Battle*: Conclusion

Oxford History of Modern War:

- People's War
- Women and War
- Against War
- Technology and War II (since 1945)

Keegan, *Book of War*:

- Fenton, Fall of Saigon
- McNab, Bravo Two Zero

Online:

- "Killing is fun"
- "Explaining wartime rape"
- "Portraits of Mars" (critique of war movies)
- "War: Is it a 'Male thing'?" (in *Course Documents* main folder)
- History of Post-Combat Disorders