

HIST 384: Medieval Europe (Regions): Final Exam Spring 2018

The final exam is a **take-home essay format**.

On Tuesday, May 1, I will post on E-Racer (in the “Final Exam” slot under “Assignments”) a total of **six** essay questions and a list of Key Concepts from the second half of the class.

You will choose and answer **two** questions (one covering *the second half of the semester* and one that is *cumulative (covering the whole semester)*).

Answer **each** of the questions with an essay that makes an **argument** with a strong thesis statement using **historical evidence**.

You **must give citations** using either footnotes or parenthetical citations. If you do not give a citation, you will not receive credit for the information. To cite a primary or secondary source, include at least author, title and page number. (publication information is not required for this assignment). To cite a class lecture or discussion, write: (Class lecture, [date of class period]).

Your essays should be 600-1200 words **each** (2-4 double-spaced pages each). (Write them as two separate essays, but put them in one Word document).

Your answers must be **typed** and should be in **“formal English.”** (I.e. don’t use slang or text-message spelling)

Clearly **identify which question you are answering** for each essay.

Tues. May 8, we will meet as a class at 1:00 pm to briefly reflect on the semester. Attendance is required: think of it as coming to “turn in” your essay.

Submit your essays via turnitin.com **by 4:30 pm** on Tues. May 8. Early submissions are appreciated. Late submissions will be penalized **2% per hour late, including overnight**. After Wednesday, May 9 at 4:30, I will not accept submissions at all.

Grading: You will be graded on how well your essays make a **persuasive argument** in answer to the question asked and the use of **specific historical evidence** from the course materials to support that argument.

The final exam (I.e. both essay questions together) will be worth 25% of your course grade.

Each of your essays should use at least **five** of the specific terms given in the Key Concepts list (see back). The point is **not** to simply “name drop”—do not just list them. Instead, the point is 1. to show knowledge of some of these detailed terms and 2. to enable you to answer the questions with as much specific and precise evidence as possible. When you use a term, you must use it to support or further your argument—do not just give details/trivia.

Print out your essays and bring them to class to turn in.

Your essays should be around **600-1200 words each** in length (2-4 double-spaced typed pages each).

Each essay is worth 50% of the exam total. The final exam is worth 15% of the course grade.