History 3010
Exam field preparation in
Early modern France 1450-1715
and/or
Early modern Europe 1450-1715

Students are invited to form their personal reading list for their general exam field from this list, by selecting from it and adding to it according to their particular needs and interests. Students should try to gain familiarity with as many of these books as possible, while selecting a smaller number for careful reading.

* indicates must-reads for all students
S indicates that the book is available for purchase in paperback

Part I (Fall 02): structures of the Ancien Regime

Fri 9/20: organizational meeting

Special session at Houghton Library: Thurs 9/26, 2-4:30 with Hist 2320
Meet in Houghton Library Lobby.
*Febvre and Martin, The Coming of the Book (1976)
Rudolf Hirsch, Printing, Selling and Reading 1450-1550 (1967)
for more references, consult reading lists for Hist 1318
Session I (Fri 9/27): French historiography and geography

*Peter Burke, French historical revolution: the Annales School 1929-89 (S)(1990)


BROWSE ONE OF THESE--classics of histoire totale
Pierre Goubert, Beauvais et le Beauvaisis (1960)
Pierre Deyon, Amiens, capitale provinciale (1967)

BROWSE FROM THESE--for fun.
Lucien Febvre, A New Kind of History. from the writings of Febvre (1973), Combats pour l'histoire (1953), published correspondence about the Annales journal.
Session II (Fri 10/11): demographic and economic structures of the Ancien Regime

*Pierre Goubert, Ancien Regime (1969): intro and primary source excerpts
*Emmanuel LeRoy Ladurie, Montaillou: village Occitan de 1294 à 1324 (S) (1982)

Family and demographic history
Jean Louis Flandrin, Families in Former Times: kinship, household, and sexuality (1979)
Philipppe Ariès, Centuries of Childhood (S) (1962, English)(1960, French)
Peter Laslett, The World We Have Lost (1965)
Alfred Perrenoud, Population de Genève 16e-19" (1979)
BROWSE Louis Henry, Manuel de démographie historique (1967)
or similar works by Jacques Dupâquier
Raffaella Sarti, Europe at home: family and material culture 1500-1800 (2002)

Economic history
G Bouchard, Le village immobile ; Sennely-en-Sologne au XVIIIe siècle (1972)

ARTISANS:

CITIES:
Orest Ranum, Paris in the Age of Absolutism (1968)
David Vassberg, The Village and the outside world in Golden Age Castile. 1996.
desideratum: MERCHANTS??

FOR REFERENCE:
Session III (Fri 10/25): social structures: the nobility


Ellery Schalk, From Valor to Pedigree: Ideas of Nobility in France in the 16th and 17th Centuries. (1986)
Jonathan Dewald, Aristocratic Experience and the Origins of Modern Culture in France 1500 to 1715. (1993)
George Huppert, Le bourgeois gentilhomme: an essay on the definition of elites in Renaissance France. (1977)
Davis Bitton, The French Nobility in Crisis 1560-1640 (1969)

PRIMARY:
Loyseau, Charles A Treatise of Orders and Plain Dignities (1994).

ELIAS AND CRITICS:
Hans Peter Duerr, Nudité et pudeur: le mythe du processus de civilisation (1998)
John Snyder in Educere il corpo: crit of Duerr and Elias

EUROPE:
Lawrence Stone, The Crisis of the Aristocracy 1558-1641 (1965)
David Loades, The Tudor Court (1986)
Session IV (Fri 11/8): cultural structures

**Witchcraft**
*Brian Levack, The witch-hunt in early modern Europe (1987)*
Robin Briggs, *Communities of Belief: Cultural and Social Tensions in Early Modern France* (1989)
---. *Witches and neighbors: the social and cultural context of European witchcraft* (1996)

**EUROPE:**
*Peter Burke, Popular Culture in Early Modern Europe* (1978)

**Popular culture**
Robert Muchembled, *Popular culture and elite culture in France 1400-1750.* (1985)

**Violence:**

**Gender:**
*Natalie Z. Davis, Society and Culture in Early Modern France.* (1975).
Barbara Diefendorf and Carla Hesse eds., *Culture and Identity in Early Modern Europe 1500-1800: essays in honor of Natalie Zemon Davis.* (1993)

FOR FUN:
Session V (Fri 11/22): Renaissance Humanism

FRANCE
Lucien Febvre, Le problème de l’incroyance au XVIe siècle, la religion de Rabelais (1942, French) (The problem of unbelief in the 16th-century, the religion of Rabelais 1982, English)
Augustin Renaudet, Préréforme et humanisme à Paris pendant les premières guerres d’Italie (1494-1517) (1916)
Frances Yates, French Academies of the Sixteenth Century (1947)

EUROPE
*Charles Nauert, Humanism and the Culture of Renaissance Europe (1995)
Grafton, Defenders of the Text (1991); Commerce with the Classics (1995).

EDUCATION
Grafton and Jardine, From Humanism to the Humanities (1986)
Paul Grendler, Schooling in Renaissance Italy: literacy and learning 1300-1600 (1989)

ITALY:
P. O. Kristeller, Renaissance thought and its sources (1979)
---. Eight philosophers of the Italian Renaissance (1964)
Ronald Witt, In the footsteps of the ancients: the origins of humanism from Lovato to Bruni (2000).
Paula Findlen, Possessing Nature: museums, collecting and scientific culture in early modern Italy (1994)

NORTHERN, esp. ERASMUS
James Tracy, Erasmus (1972) and The Politics of Erasmus (1979)
Margaret Mann Phillips, Erasmus and the Northern Renaissance (1949)
Bruce Mansfield, Phoenix of his Age: interpretations of Erasmus 1550-1750 (1979)
Erika Rummel, The confessionalization of humanism in Reformation Germany (2000)

SPAIN
Erika Rummel, Jimenez de Cisneros on the threshold of Spain's Golden Age (1999)
Georges Bataillon, Studies of Erasmus and Spain

SKEPTICISM
Richard Popkin, History of skepticism from Erasmus to Spinoza
(1979)
on ATHEISM see below under wars of religion
Session VI (Fri 12/6): Reformations, Catholic and Protestant

Catholicism
*Jean Delumeau, Catholicism Between Luther and Voltaire: a new view of the counter-reformation. (1977)
*R. Hsia, World of Catholic Renewal (1998)
John O'Malley, Trent and All That; renaming Catholicism in the early modern era (2000)
Peter Burke, "How to be a Counter-Reformation Saint" ??
Michael Screech, Laughter at the Foot of the Cross (1997)

Religion in 16th-century France: see also belows "wars of religion"
Philip Hoffman, Church and Community in the Diocese of Lyon, 1500-1784. (1984)
Mark Greengrass, The French Reformation
---. Geneva and the Consolidation of the French Protestant Movement, 1564-1572. (1967)
Francis Higman, Censorship and the Sorbonne (1979)

EUROPE
James Tracy, Europe's Reformations, 1450-1650 (1999)

Germany:
Steven Ozment, The Age of Reform 1250-1550: an intellectual and religious history of late medieval and reformation Europe (1980)
---. The Reformation in the Cities (1975).
The German Reformation (1986), For the Sake of Simple Folk (1994).
Gerald Strauss, Luther's House of Learning (1978).
Hugh Trevor-Roper, Religion, the Reformation and Social Change (1963)
Tentler, Sin and Confession on the Eve of the Reformation (1977)

Spain:
Part II (Spring 03): a chronological survey

Session VII (Fri 1/31): Renaissance monarchy
Government
---. Society and Institutions in Early Modern France (1991)
Herbert Rowen, The King's State: Proprietary Dynasticism in Early Modern France (1980) WID-LC JN2341.R68
Gaston Zeller, Les institutions de la France au 16e siècle (1948)

FOR REFERENCE

Rituals
Ralph Giesey, Royal Funeral Ceremony in Renaissance France (1960)
Sarah Hanley, Lit de Justice of the Kings of France: Constitutional Ideology in Legend, Ritual and Discourse (1983)
Lawrence Bryant, The King and the City in the Parisian Royal Entry Ceremony: Politics, Ritual and Art in the Renaissance (1986).

FOR COMPARISON
Ernst H. Kantorowicz, The King's Two Bodies: A study in Mediaeval Political Theology. (1957)

PRIMARY

Specific kings:

EUROPE:
Roy Strong, Splendor at Court: Renaissance spectacle and illusion (1973)
Frances Yates, Astraea (1999)
Steven Orso, Art and death at the Spanish Habsburg Court: the royal exequies for Philip IV (1989)
RJW Evans, Rudolph II and his World: a study in intellectual history 1576-1612 (1923).
Session VIII (Fri 2/7): wars of religion

Barbara Diefendorf, Beneath the Cross: Catholics and Huguenots in 16th-century Paris (1991)
Stuart Carroll, Noble Power during the French Wars of Religion: the guise affinity and the Catholic cause in Normandy (1998)
Philip Benedict, Rouen during the Wars of Religion. (1981)

Political theory:
Jean Bodin, Six Books of the Commonwealth (1955, original from 1606), facsimile ed and abridgment by Tooley.
Gerhard Oestreich, Neostoicism and the early modern state. 1982.

EUROPE
Geoffrey Parker, The Thirty Years' War (1984)
Brad Gregory, Salvation at Stake: Christian martyrdom in Early Modern Europe (1999)
Michael Roberts, Sweden as a Great Power 1611-97: government, society and foreign power (1968)

ATHEISM
Lucien Febvre, Le problème de l’incroyance au XVIe siècle, la religion de Rabelais (1942, French)(The problem of unbelief in the 16th-century, the religion of Rabelais 1982, English)
Michael Hunter and David Wootton eds., Atheism from Renaissance to Enlightenment (1992)
Session IX (Fri 2/21): absolutism under Louis XIII

William F. Church, Richelieu and Reason of State. (1973)
Elizabeth Marvick, Louis XIII: the Making of a King (1986)
Orest Ranum, Richelieu and the Councillords of Louis XIII: a study
of the secretaries of state and superintendents of finance in the
---. "Courtesey, Absolutism and the Rise of the French State
Geoffrey Treasure, Richelieu and Mazarin (1998)
Joseph Bergin ed., Richelieu and his age (1992)
Sharon Kettering, Patrons, Brokers and Clients in 17th-century

TAXES AND FINANCES
James Collins, Fiscal Limits of Absolutism: Direct Taxation in
Richard Bonney, Political Change in France under Richelieu and
Mazarin 1624-61 (1978) WID-LC JN2341.B66
---. The Rise of the Fiscal State in the c. 1200-1815. (1999) WID-
LC JN2358.B66 1995
---. The King's Debts: Finance and Politics in France, 1589-1661.
(1981) WID-LC DC121.B58x
Dent, Julian. Crisis in Finance: Crown, Financiers and Society in
Seventeenth-Century France. (1973) Econ 5406.00
Martin Wolfe, The Fiscal System of Renaissance France. (1972) WID-
LC HJ2646.W64

EUROPE:
John Elliott and Laurence Brockliss eds, The World of the
G. Parker and L. Smith, The General Crisis of the Seventeenth
Century. 1978.
Koenigsberger, Estates and revolutions. 1971.
I.A.A. Thompson and Bartoleme Yun Casalilla, The Castilian Crisis
of the Seventeenth Century (1994)

Resistances to absolutism
*Yves-Marie Bercé, The History of peasant revolts (1990)
William Beik, Urban Protest in 17th-ct France: the Culture of
Retribution. (1997)
Sharon Kettering, Judicial Politics and Urban Revolt in 17th
century France: the parlement of Aix 1629-59 (1978)

The Fronde:
A. Lloyd Moote, The Revolt of the Judges: the Parlement of Paris
and the Fronde, 1643-52. (1971) Fr 1283.40 (Widener)
---. "The Parlementary Fronde and Seventeenth-Century Robe
Session X (Fri 3/7): Louis XIV

*Roger Mettam, Power and faction in Louis XIV's France (1988)
*Peter Burke, The Fabrication of Louis XIV (1992)
John Jeter Hurt, Louis XIV and the Parlements: the Assertion of Royal Authority (2002)

Military revolution:
Brian Downing, The Military Revolution and political change (1992)

France and the New World:
Frank Lestringant, Mapping the Renaissance World (1994), Le huguenot et le sauvage (1990)
Marcel Trudel, The beginnings of New France 1524-1663 (1973)
Glenn Ames, Colbert, mercantilism and the quest for Asian trade (1996)

European overseas expansion:
Ralph Davis, The Rise of the Atlantic Economies (1973)

PRIMARY:
Saint Simon, Memoirs
Session XI (Fri 3/21): classical culture

General Europe:
*Paul Hazard, The European Mind, 1680 - 1715 (1953, English) (La crise se la conscience européenne 1935, French)

General France:
René Pintard, Le libertinage érudit dans la première moitié du 17e siècle (1943).
Marc Fumaroli, L'âge de l'éloquence. on classical rhetoric. (1980)
Carolyn Lougee, Le paradis des femmes: women, salons and social stratification in 17th ct France (1976)
Elizabeth Goldsmith, Exclusive conversations: the art of interaction in 17th century France (1976)
Laurence Brockliss, French Higher Education in the 17th and 18th centuries (1987)

DESCARTES
Roger Ariew, Descartes and the last scholastics (1999)

PASCAL AND JANSENISM
William Doyle, Jansenism: Catholic resistance to authority from the Reformation to the French revolution (2000)

PUBLISHING and LITERATURE
Roger Chartier, Cultural uses of print in early modern France (1987)
Alain Viala, La naissance de l'écrivain: la sociologie de la littérature à l'âge classique (1985)
John Lough, Seventeenth-century French drama: the background (1979)
Marc Fumaroli, The Poet and the King: Jean de La Fontaine and his Century (2002)
C.E.J. Caldicott, La carrière de Molière (1998)

SCIENTIFIC REVOLUTION
Session XII (Fri 4/4): Enlightenment


Surveys--Europe:
Norman Hampson, The Enlightenment (1968)

General France:
Jay Caplan, In the king's wake: post-absolutist culture in France (1999)
Overview of shifts in Enlightenment historiography: Darnton "Social history of ideas" in his The Kiss of Lamourette (1990)

History of science:
Charles Gillispie, Science and Polity in France at the end of the Old Regime (1980)
Terence Glacken, Traces on the Rhodian shore: nature and culture in western thought (1967)
Anthony Pagden, The Fall of Natural Man (1982)

Religion:
Carl Becker, The Heavenly City of the Eighteenth-Century Philosophers (1932)
G. Cragg, the Church and the age of reason (1960)
Frank Manuel, The Eighteenth Century Confronts the Gods (1959)
Dale van Kley, The Jansenists and the expulsion of the Jesuits from France 1757-65 (1975)
Ole Grell, ed, Toleration in enlightenment Europe (2000)
Abraham Anderson ed., The treatise of the three impostors and the problem of the Enlightenment (1997)

on Hume:
E.C. Mossner, The life of David Hume (1954)
Cambridge Companion to Hume (1993)
Session XIII (Fri 4/18): review, overview and mock exam

General Reading:
Robin Briggs, Oxford history of Europe (1999)
times atlas

Braudel, The Mediterranean and the Mediterranean World in the Age of Philip II (1972)
Braudel, Civilization and Capitalism, 15th-18th centuries (1981)
Evan Cameron, Early Modern Europe: An Oxford History (1999)
Jack Goldstone, "The problem of the 'early modern' world" Journal of Economic and Social history of the Orient (1998) --on the applicability of the category to global perspectives
Joseph Strayer, On the medieval origins of the modern state (1970)

on France:
David Potter, A history of France 1460-1560 (1995)
Robin Briggs, Early modern France, 1560 - 1715 (1977)
Frederic Baumgartner, France in the Sixteenth Century (1995)

on Spain:
J. H. Elliott, Imperial Spain 1469-1716 (1963)
Henry Kamen, Spain 1469-1714 (1983)
Henry Kamen, "The decline of Spain: an historical myth?" in Past and Present (1978)

on Germany:
Hajo Holborn, A history of modern Germany (1964)

on the Netherlands:
Geoffrey Parker, The Dutch Revolt (1977)

on Italy:
Eric Cochrane, Florence in the Forgotten Centuries, 1527-1800; a history of Florence and the Florentines in the age of the grand dukes (1973)