

HISTORY 7G  
**A History of Warfare: Alexander the Great to the War on Terror and Beyond**

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Course Description:

A survey of key battles and campaigns from Alexander the Great to the war on terror and beyond. 3 units (Credit/No Credit)

Course Requirements:

Students are expected to attend each seminar meeting. More than one absence will result in a grade of "No Credit." Seminar participants will display a thorough knowledge of the reading in discussions following each guest lecture. Every student will serve as a discussion leader.

Course Schedule:

**March 30 – Course Information and Introduction (David Holloway)**

**April 6 – Alexander the Great (Ian Morris)**

Alan Bosworth, "Alexander the Great Part 1: The Events of the Reign," in David Lewis, John Boardman, Simon Hornblower, and Martin Ostwald, eds., *The Cambridge Ancient History VI: The Fourth Century BC* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1994) 791-845.

### **April 13 – Hannibal’s Campaign in Italy during the Second Punic War (Ian Morris)**

John Briscoe, "The Second Punic War," in A. E. Astin, Frank Walbank, Martin Frederiksen, and R. M. Ogilvie, eds., *The Cambridge Ancient History VII part 1: Rome and the Mediterranean to 133 BC* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1989) 44-80.

### **April 20 – Clausewitz and the Napoleonic Wars (James Sheehan)**

Carl von Clausewitz, *On War*, edited and translated by Michael Howard and Peter Paret (Princeton: Princeton University Press, 1976), 75-123, 184-185, 220, and 577-610.

### **April 27 – Solomons Campaign; the Pacific in WWII (Mark Peattie)**

“Guadalcanal Campaign,” entry from I.C.B. Dear and M.R.D. Foot, eds., *Oxford Companion to World War II* (New York: Oxford University Press, 1995).

“Summary and Reflections,” in Richard B. Frank, *Guadalcanal : The Definitive Account of a Landmark Battle* (New York : Penguin Books, 1990).

“Tanaka, Raizo,” entry from James F. Dunnigan and Alfred Nofi, eds., *The Pacific War Encyclopedia* (New York : Checkmark books, 1998).

Raizo Tanaka, “The Struggle for Guadalcanal,” in David C. Evans, ed., *The Japanese Navy in World War II in the Words of Former Japanese Naval Officers* 2d ed, (Annapolis: Naval Institute Press, 1986).

### **May 4 – The Soviet Union’s Manchurian Campaign in WWII (David Holloway)**

P.H. Vigor, *Soviet Blitzkrieg Theory* (New York: St. Martin’s Press, 1980), 102-121.

David M. Glantz, *The Soviet Strategic Offensive in Manchuria, 1945: ‘August Storm’* (London: Frank Cass, 2003), 119-136 and 339-346.

V. Larionov, N. Yeronin, B. Solovyov, and V. Timokhovich, *World War II Decisive Battles of the Soviet Army* (Moscow: Progress Publishers, 1984), 449-513.

### **May 11 – American Grand Strategy in WWII (David Kennedy)**

Maurice Matloff, "The 90-Division Gamble," in Kent Roberts Greenfield, ed., *Command Decisions* (Washington: Department of the Army, 1960).

### **May 18 – Post-Cold War Strategic, Doctrinal, and Tactical Developments (John Shalikashvili)**

No readings.

**May25 – The Future of Warfare Ranging from RMA to Asymmetric Tactics  
(William Perry)**

William J. Perry, “Desert Storm and Deterrence,” *Foreign Affairs*, Fall 1991.

Ashton B. Carter and William J. Perry, “Countering Asymmetric Threats,” in Ashton B. Carter and John P. White, eds., *Keeping the Edge: Managing Defense for the Future* (Cambridge: MIT Press, 2001).

Ashton B. Carter and William J. Perry, “The Threat Within: Shaping a Force for the Future,” in *Preventive Defense* (Washington, DC: Brookings Institution Press, 1999).

**June 1 – Civil Wars and Low Technology Warfare (Kelly Greenhill)**

"What's New About Small Wars?" in United States Marine Corps, *Small Wars Manual*, (January 2004 Draft), 7-21.

"Blackhawk Down," in Mark Bowden, *Blackhawk Down: A Story of Modern War* (Washington, DC: Atlantic Monthly Press, 1999), 69-131. (*The rest of the book is recommended, but not required.*)

Martin van Creveld, *The Transformation of War* (New York: MacMillan, Inc., 1991), 18-32.