

Maymester 2017
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- Discussion: Is the West responsible for the Rwandan genocide?

Wednesday, May 24

War and Economic Stagnation

- Reading assignment: Chapters 9 and 10 of Thomson
- Reading assignment: Continue reading Radelet
- Discussion: Why did the 1990s see so much political violence in Africa?
- QUIZ 4: On chapters 4, 9, and 10 of Thomson

Thursday, May 25

HIV/AIDS in Africa

- Reading assignment: Continue reading Radelet
- Discussion: How did the HIV/AIDS epidemic get to be so bad? What is the most effective way to address it?

UNIT 3: AFRICA RISING?

Friday, May 26

Democratization and Economic Success Stories

- Reading assignment: Finish reading Radelet
- Reading assignment: Chapters 11 and 12 of Thomson. Also pp. 100-104
- Discussion: Is Africa experiencing a renaissance?
- QUIZ 5: On chapters 11 and 12 of Thomson and entirety of Radelet

Monday, May 29

NO CLASS: MEMORIAL DAY

Tuesday, May 30

South Africa: Apartheid

- Discussion: What are the historical roots of South Africa's racial strife? Why did apartheid occur in South Africa? How could a minority impose its will for so long?

RESEARCH PAPERS DUE AT 11:59PM OF TUESDAY, MAY 30!

Wednesday, May 31

South Africa: The Fall of Apartheid and the Rise of Democracy

- Discussion: Do you consider South Africa a success story? What are the prospects for its future?

Thursday, June 1

COMPREHENSIVE FINAL EXAM

Friday, June 2

NO CLASS

RESEARCH PAPER ASSIGNMENT:

Africa is the most economically underdeveloped region of the world, and it also remains a laggard in how democratic its political systems are. Why does Africa continue to struggle with these challenges? Why have economic affluence and democracy been so rare on the continent? *In short, what causes Africa's economic underdevelopment and lack of democracy: Western powers, Africa's leadership, or geography?*

You will write a short paper that makes a definitive argument that answers this last question. The paper should be about 750 words (about three double-spaced, 12 pt. font pages and certainly no longer than 1000 words). You must support the argument with relevant facts and details from one African country on which you do outside research. You must consult and cite sources other than those assigned in class (although you may also cite required readings) and include formal citations and a bibliography.

The paper should be polished and free of spelling errors and typos. You MUST submit an electronic copy of the entire paper to D2Learn by 11:59PM on May 30. Papers handed in after this time will have 10% subtracted from their final score each school day they are late. THERE ARE NO EXCEPTIONS TO THIS RULE. The paper should be typed, polished and free of spelling errors and typos. You will NOT hand in paper copies of your research papers, so you must submit the electronic version before the deadline. Malfunctioning internet or computer equipment will not be an accepted excuse for late submissions.