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This course will examine some of the long-famous sites of Egypt, as well as
some of the latest discoveries. Topics will include the pyramids at Giza, the
Valley of the Kings, the tomb of King Tutankhamun, the Temples at Karnak and
Luxor, etc. Classes will include many movies and slides, and the course will
also examine popular misconceptions about Egypt as presented in mass market
films.

REQUIRED BOOKS

1) *Egypt: Land of the Pharaohs* by Time-Life Books. 1992. *(This is not available
   in the PSU Bookstore.* However, on the first day of class, you may buy
   (used) copies in class for only $5 each! Or you may order a copy on-line
   from Amazon.com.)

You are also expected to read a variety of photocopied articles and chapters
from books. (These will usually be given to you a week in advance.)

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

Your grade will be based upon the following:
30% -- Midterm Exam on October 21.
30% -- Final Exam on Nov. 25, 6:30-9:00 (during Final Exam Week).
30% -- Final Paper (10-25 pages) on an aspect of Ancient Egypt. Due on November
25. This can deal with a research question (e.g., why was settlement along
the Nile River unusually well suited to the development of an early,
unified civilization?), a synthesis (e.g., pyramid construction techniques,
Egyptian gods, mummification techniques), or a comparison (e.g., contrast
the gods of the Old Kingdom with those of the New Kingdom). **Please do not
base your paper on internet sources, many of which are not well-researched
or scholarly.** Rather, you must use a minimum of 8-10 published books and
articles. (By all means use the internet to help you find published
sources, but a term paper does not consist of materials downloaded from the
internet. That would become grounds for failing the assignment.)
10% -- Class Participation -- You are expected to talk!

CLASSES

Sept. 9 Introduction: Chronology of Egypt; Brief Introduction to All Aspects
of the Country; Modern Egypt
   DVD: *The Hidden History of Egypt* with Terry Jones
   Read: *Ancient Egypt*, Chapters 1-2;
   “Guardian of the Pharoahs” by Jeffrey Barthalet. From *Scientific
   American*, August 2011, pp. 84-87.
Sept. 16 Napoleon and the Beginnings of Egyptology; Myths and Looters; Egypt in Popular Culture
DVDs: The Great Belzoni + scenes from Cleopatra, Stargate, Abbott and Costello Meet the Mummy, The Egyptian, Land of the Pharaohs, The Mummy, etc.
Read: Egypt: Land of the Pharaohs, pp. 9-43; Ancient Egypt, Chapters 3-5.
“Napoleon in Egypt” by Bob Brier in Archaeology.

Sept. 23 The Old Kingdom; The Capital at Memphis; The Pyramids
Videotapes: Pyramid (by David Macaulay); Riddles of the Sphinx
Read: Egypt: Land of the Pharaohs, pp. 44-79; Ancient Egypt, Chapter 12;
“How to Build a Pyramid” by Bob Brier in Archaeology.

Sept. 30 Hieroglyphic Writing, Egyptian Art, Religion and Medicine; Women in Ancient Egypt
Video/DVD: The Rosetta Stone;
excerpt from The Egyptian Book of the Dead
Read: Ancient Egypt, Chapters 6-9 and 14-15.

Oct. 7 Great Rulers: Ramesses II; Akhenaten (the Monotheistic King); Queen Hatshepsut; Queen Nefertiti; Queen Cleopatra
DVDs: selections from Ancient Mysteries: Ramses The Great; Ancient Mysteries: Queen Pharaoh; Nefertiti and the Lost Dynasty
Read: Egypt: Land of the Pharaohs, pp. 80-104;

Oct. 14 New Discoveries in Alexandria
Videotape: Treasures of the Sunken City
Read: “Diving on a Sunken City” by Jean-Yves Empereur, in Archaeology, March/April 1999, pp. 36-43.

Oct. 21 Midterm Exam

Oct. 28 Mummies and the Process of Mummification (1)
DVDs: Secrets of the Mummy
Read: Egypt: Land of the Pharaohs, pp. 105-115.
Ancient Egypt, Chapters 10-11.
Nov. 4  Mummies and the Process of Mummification (2)
    DVD: Animal Mummies; Oasis of the Golden Mummy
    Read: “Permanent Pets” by Mark Rose. In Archaeology.
          “Chapter 8. Animal Mummies” in Mummies and Death in Egypt by
          Francoise Dunand and Roger Lichtenberg, pp. 108-122.
          Begin reading The Complete Tutankhamun by Nicholas Reeves.

Nov. 11  No class (Veteran’s Day).

Nov. 18  The Temples of Egypt and the Capital at Thebes;
    The Valley of the Kings and King Tut’s Tomb
    Videotapes: Temples of Eternity; Aswan Dam (5 min.)
    Read: Ancient Egypt, Chapter 13;
          Finish reading The Complete Tutankhamun by Nicholas Reeves.

Nov. 25  Final Exam, 6:30-9:00 p.m.
        Final Paper Due.

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