

# Making of the Modern World, Part 1

Track B, Fall 2009

## COURSE SYLLABUS

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**Track B Specific Website:** <http://webct.ucsd.edu>. Has important information for Track B. To log on, use your e-mail username (before the @ symbol) and password.

**MMW-1 Shared Website:** <http://anthro.ucsd.edu/mmw>. Has important information applicable to all three MMW-1 tracks, including links to on-line readings. Occasional pages will ask you for a login ("\_\_\_\_") and a password ("\_\_\_\_").

### Schedule of Discussion Sections for Track B:

Sctn ID	Section No.	Day	Time	Place
657482	B01	M	10-10:50a	Solis 111
657483	B02	M	11-11:50a	Solis 111
657484	B03	Tu	1-1:50p	Asant 123A
657485	B04	Tu	2-2:50p	Asant 123A
657486	B05	Tu	3-3:50p	Asant 123A
657487	B06	Tu	4-4:50p	Asant 123A
657488	B07	W	8-8:50a	Asant 123A
657489	B08	W	9-9:50a	Asant 123A
657490	B09	W	1-1:50p	Solis 109
657491	B10	W	2-2:50p	Solis 109

<b>GRADING:</b>	First midterm on Friday, October 23	20% of final grade
	Second midterm on Monday, November 9	25%
	Final exam on Thursday, December 10	35%
	Section attendance and assignments	20%

See Shared Website for more detailed information on Grades and Grading.

### **REQUIRED READINGS:**

ATLAS. Rand McNally Quick Reference World Atlas. Chicago: Rand McNally.

RICHARDS, I.A. 1958. *The Wrath of Achilles: the Iliad of Homer, shortened and in a new translation*. New York: W.W. Norton. (This abridged translation restores some of the lyricism and elegance frequently lost in other prose editions of the Iliad. In addition, it is readily understandable. You may use a different translation if you prefer, but the course study guides are standardized to this version, including spelling of characters' names.)

TURNBULL, Colin M. 1962. *The forest people: a study of the Pygmies of the Congo*. New York: Touchstone.

ZIMMER, Carl. 2005. *Smithsonian intimate guide to human origins*. Washington DC: Smithsonian Books. Distributed by HarperCollins, New York.

SOURCEBOOK. 2009. Materials written specifically for MMW-1. Not available from a commercial publisher. Spiral-bound paper copies are available from the UCSD bookstore. In addition, the Sourcebook is entirely available on-line as printable PDF files (linked to Shared Website). The Sourcebook is under constant revision, and the content varies from year to year. If you buy a used copy, you will need to buy or borrow the new version for some readings, or use the on-line version.

WEB SOURCE READINGS. Linked to Shared Website. See login and password info, above.

Note: See Shared Website for more detailed information on Required Readings, and for links to on-line readings, including the on-line copy of the Sourcebook, the Web Source Readings, and a collection of optional Supplementary On-Line Readings.

### **SCHEDULE OF READINGS AND LECTURES**

All items should be completed in the order shown. Readings should be done by the day indicated; the lecturer will assume your knowledge of the reading. Section meetings will assume familiarity with all readings assigned up to and including those for the day when the section meets. This list is subject to modification as announced in class.

Note: World geography will be relevant throughout this quarter and, in fact, throughout the MMW sequence. You should be using your atlas constantly to find locations of material (fossils, societies, etc.) discussed in this course. There will be map and/or geography questions on all exams.

**UNIT I: RECONSTRUCTING THE PAST. FORAGING SOCIETIES.**

**Week 0**

Friday, 9/25 -- Course introduction and overview.

**Week 1**

Monday, 9/28 – Human adaptation and evolution: principles and perspectives.

Web sites: Become familiar with the Track B website and the Shared Website, and read through the policies and procedures.

Zimmer: Chapter 1.

Sourcebook: Look over Table of Contents, Overview of MMW, and Introduction to the Sourcebook.

Sourcebook: Look over section 2-A: Materials in support of the Zimmer book (reference). Use the glossary and the study guide for each chapter in Zimmer as you read it.

Atlas: Africa (reference).

Wednesday, 9/30 – Reconstructing the past, I: theoretical considerations and types of evidence.

Zimmer: Chapter 2.

Sourcebook 1-A: Theory: Two Kinds of Definitions.

Sourcebook 1-B: Theory: Lumping and Splitting.

Sourcebook 1-H: Theory: The Idea of Evolution.

Web Source Reading II-5 (linked to Shared Website): Stones & Bones (Beta) – Optional and/or reference, for use with the “paleo” materials as we go along.

Friday, 10/2 – Reconstructing the past, II: examples of types of evidence and techniques.

Zimmer: Chapter 3.

Sourcebook 1-C: Theory: Variables & Models.

Sourcebook 1-D: Imagining Prehistoric Behavior.

Atlas: Eurasia, Southern Europe (reference).

**Week 2**

Monday, 10/5 – Overview of hominid evolution. Australopithecus and bipedalism.

Zimmer: Chapter 4.

Sourcebook 1-E: Explaining Human Behavior: Motivation & the Question “Why?”

Web Source Reading II-1 (linked to Shared Website): Human Birth & Bipedalism.

Wednesday, 10/7 – Early Homo: hunters or scavengers? Introduction to Archaic Homo.

Zimmer: Chapter 5-6.

Sourcebook 2-B: Mitochondrial Eve.

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Friday, 10/9 – Were Neanderthals “people”? *Film: Neanderthal*.  
Zimmer: Chapter 7-8.

**Week 3**

Monday, 10/12 – The origin and spread of modern Homo sapiens. Upper Paleolithic culture. Genetic evidence.

Turnbull: Forward, Maps 1-3, and Chapters 1-3.

Turnbull: Pronunciation & Glossary, pp 281-287 (reference).

Sourcebook 5-A: List of Characters in Turnbull (reference)

Wednesday, 10/14 – Finish “paleo” materials. Begin: Foraging as a subsistence economy.

Turnbull: Chapters 4-6.

Sourcebook 5-B: The Bantu Expansion.

Sourcebook 12-A: Technical Terms Used in Ethnology (reference).

Friday, 10/16 – Comparative foraging societies: *Silent Film: Nanook of the North*.

Turnbull: Chapters 7-9.

Atlas: Canada (reference).

**Week 4**

Monday, 10/19 – Foraging as a subsistence economy. Common social characteristics of traditional foraging societies.

Turnbull: Chapters 10-12.

Wednesday, 10/21 – Limitations to use of modern foragers as models for earlier hominids.

Turnbull: Chapters 13-15.

Web Source Reading II-2 (linked to Shared Website): Rensberger: Racial Odyssey.

Friday, 10/23 – First midterm exam

You are required to take the midterm examination.

**UNIT II: SEDENTISM AND FOOD PRODUCTION.**

**Week 5**

Monday, 10/26 – Foraging vs. more sedentary economies: advantages, disadvantages, options, constraints. Carrying capacity and other food-related issues.

Sourcebook 3-A: The Neolithic (Essay 1): The “Agricultural Revolution.”

Sourcebook 3-B: The Neolithic (Essay 2): Beyond Wheat.

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Wednesday, 10/28 -- How do food production and sedentism affect people's lives?  
Sourcebook 3-C: The Neolithic (Essay 3): Living the Revolution.

Friday, 10/30 -- A modern agricultural society: the Hopi. Keeping order in a society.  
Sourcebook 6-A: Hopi Social Order.  
Sourcebook 1-G: Theory: Conflicting Loyalties & Cross-Cutting Ties.  
Atlas: Southwestern USA (reference).

**Week 6**

Monday, 11/2 – Migration to the New World, loss of megafauna, pre-agriculture and the origins of food production in the Old World and New World.

Web Source Reading II-4 (linked to Shared Website): Prehistoric Beringia.  
Atlas: Northeast Asia, Canada, United States including Alaska (reference).

Wednesday, 11/4 – Horticulture and agriculture: a look at a “big man” society – the Kawelka of Papua New Guinea. *Film: Ongka's Big Moka.*

Sourcebook 3-D: After the Neolithic: The Metal Ages.  
Web Source Reading II-3 (linked to Shared Website): Ancient Metallurgy.  
Atlas: Papua New Guinea, Oceania, Southwest Asia (reference).

Friday, 11/6 – Chiefdoms, nomadism, and raiding.

Sourcebook 7-A: The Vikings.  
Atlas: Northern Europe, Iceland (reference).

**Week 7**

Monday, 11/9 – Second midterm exam  
You are required to take the midterm examination.

**UNIT III: ARCHAIC STATES AND EARLY CIVILIZATIONS.**

Wednesday, 11/11 – University Holiday for Veteran's Day.

Friday, 11/13 – The origin of the state. Changes accompanying larger populations and higher population densities.

Iliad: Books 1-6.  
Sourcebook 8-B: Background to the Iliad & the Trojan War.  
Sourcebook 8-A: Regions in Greece (reference).  
Atlas: Eastern Mediterranean (reference).

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**Week 8**

Monday, 11/16 – Oral vs. written tradition. The consequences of literacy.

Iliad: Books 7-12.

Sourcebook 4-A: How Writing Works.

Wednesday, 11/18 – The Iliad in context.

Iliad: Books 13-24.

Friday, 11/20 – The Nyoro. Kingship. Authority and power.

Sourcebook 9-A: Organization and mystification in an African Kingdom.

Sourcebook 1-F: Theory: Symbols, Sumptuation, and Mystification.

Atlas: Eastern Africa (reference).

**Week 9**

Monday, 11/23 – Introduction to the Aztecs.

Sourcebook 10-A: The Aztecs: A Tributary Empire.

Atlas: Mexico (reference).

Wednesday, 11/25 – More on the Aztecs. *Film: Aztecs: Inside the Hidden Empire.*

Sourcebook 10-B: An Aztec Folio.

Friday, 11/27 – University Holiday for Thanksgiving.

**Week 10**

Monday, 11/30 – An introduction to paleopathology.

Sourcebook 3-E: Epidemic Disease.

Wednesday, 12/2 – Ancient Egypt, a stable empire.

Sourcebook 11-A: Egyptian Origins.

Sourcebook 11-B: The Palette of Narmer.

Atlas: Northern Africa (reference).

Friday, 12/4 – Catching up and wrapping up. A look at what comes next.

No new assigned reading.

**Week 11** – Exam Week

Thursday, 12/10, 11:30-2:30 – FINAL EXAM

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