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Crossroad between three continents, North Africa has complex identities, with three major often conflicting dimensions: African, Mediterranean and Middle-Eastern. This course will introduce students to the history of this *Maghreb* starting with native North Africans, Arab colonization of the 8<sup>th</sup> century, Berber resistance, Moors, Turks of the Ottoman Empire and French invasion of 1830. We will study concepts of French colonialism and its “*mission civilisatrice*”, the rise of nationalist movements, and the process of decolonization during the French-Algerian war of 1962-1954. Finally, we will examine recent experiences of democracy, radical Islamists, the civil war in Algeria of the 90s, and the tragedy of secular intellectuals and women.



## Learning Outcomes

- Use primary sources as evidence to answer questions about historical change
- Describe differences among interpretations of the past
- Analyze institutional and cultural changes in one or more human societies over time
- Identify and explain various components of a culture that is distinct from those found within the United States.
- Analyze how cultural similarities and differences are negotiated in ways that help shape the modern world

## Required Books

Textbook: North Africa by Philip C Naylor (UWSP bookstore rental)

## Purchase

Mokeddem, Malika The Forbidden Women

Camus, Albert The Stranger

Césaire, Aimé. A Tempest

## Films

Baya's Mountain

Days of Glory

Battle of Algiers

Rachida

## Assignments and Grading

Quizzes and class participation	20%
Papers	25%
Midterm Exam	25%
Final Exam	30%

## Grading Scale

A 95-100	A- 90-94	
B+ 87-89	B 83-86	B- 80-82
C+ 77-79	C 73-76	C- 70-72
D+ 67-69	D 63-66	D- 60-62
F 59 and below		

**Quizzes**

There will be 5 (out of 6) quizzes. No makeup quiz.

I will drop the lowest if you take all quizzes.

**Class participation**

Attendance is mandatory. Please arrive on time. Being late is rude and disturbs the class.

If you need to be absent, let me know before you miss class.

**Papers**

There will be papers, book reviews, on issues discussed in class, books and/or films.

Papers must be typed and hand in on time. (about 5-7 papers, 2-3 pages each, for a total of 15 pages)

**Exams**

Exams will be in class, on blue books, consisting of short answers, briefs essay and questions

## **Program Week 1-4**

Ancient North Africa: Land, people, languages, oral culture vs. written culture  
Berbers and colonization: Romans, Arabs, Moors, Turks, Spanish, French

Reading: North Africa by Philip C Naylor

Videos: Carthage-Timgad

### **Week 1**

W Sept 06

Syllabus; introduction

Maps of North Africa and Sahara Desert

Reading: North Africa by Philip C Naylor

Introduction pg 1-14

### **Week 2**

M Sept 12

Reading: North Africa by Philip C Naylor

Chapt 1 Ancient North Africa pg 15-34

W Sept 14

Reading: North Africa by Philip C Naylor pg

Chapt 2 Rome and North Africa pg 35-56

### **Quiz 1**

### **Week 3**

M Sept 19

Film: Baya's Mountain

Reading: North Africa by Philip C Naylor pg

Chapt 3 Medieval North Africa pg 57-88

W Sept 21

Film: Baya's Mountain

Reading: North Africa by Philip C Naylor pg

Chapt 4 pg 89-108

Film Discussion

### **Week 4**

M Sept 26

Reading: North Africa by Philip C Naylor pg

Chapt 5 pg 109-140

**Hand in Paper 1** (2-3 pages typed on Film)

W Sept 28

Reading: North Africa by Philip C Naylor pg

Chapt 5-6 pg ---pg 168 European Colonialism

### **Quiz 2**

