Outline and Syllabus

The course will be based on John Merriman, *A History of Modern Europe*, Vol. II. The book and class discussions will be based on it. In addition, there will be a 10-15 page paper due the first day of reading week in spring (see attached instructions sheets). Grades will be based on the paper, final and class participation. Students will be expected to have read and be familiar with the material for each week by the Monday morning class. Class attendance is expected and all absences will have to be excused.

**Week 1: Restoration Europe and Liberalism**
Merriman, chs. 14-15

**Week 2: The Industrial Revolution and the Revolutions of 1848**
Merriman, chs. 16-17

**Week 3: Unification and the Great Powers**
Merriman, chs. 18-19

**Week 4: The 2nd Industrial Revolution and Nationalism**
Merriman, chs. 20-21

**Week 5: Imperialism and the Eve of the Great War**
Merriman, chs. 22-23

**Week 6: The Great War and the Russian Revolution**
Merriman, chs. 24-25

**Week 7: The War's aftermath and the 1920s**
Merriman, ch. 26

**Week 8: Depression and Dictatorship**
Merriman, ch. 27

**Week 9: The Second World War**
Merriman, ch. 28
Instructions for Papers

1. In the first week, each student will have to choose a sub period (within the time frame of 1815-1945) and a geographical area or country in Europe in which she/he is particularly interested (if you have good reading ability in a European language other than English, indicate this).

2. Within 2 weeks you will be assigned a book on which you will be expected to write an original 15 pp. review essay in the style of the New York Review of Books (if you are unfamiliar with this, check it in the library or purchase a recent issue. It will contain a full exposition of the book's methodology and conclusion, use of sources, relation to the literature, and a critical assessment of the book's success (or failure, as the case may be).

3. You then have a week to get a hold of this book and to contest the assignment. If you do not do so, the assignment will be considered binding.

4. The essay will be expected to have detailed footnotes, both to locations in the book and to other sources you have consulted to verify and compare the author's statements and conclusions.

5. The papers are due the FIRST day of reading week - no exceptions.