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HUM 3306: History of Ideas--The Age of Enlightenment to the Age of Anxiety  
Summer 2012

### **REQUIRED PRACTICE EXAM**

This Practice Exam is mandatory, but the grade doesn't count—take it to familiarize yourself with the sort of questions that will be asked on the first real exam, Exam#1.

It will only have a few questions, but otherwise will be in the same format as Exam#1, #2, & #3.

It covers all readings & lectures in the first two weeks, including all of Locke and my Prof. lecture on Locke.

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General Exam Instructions:

After each exam is taken, I carefully look at performance patterns to make sure there were no inadvertent faulty/unfair questions. I do not curve scores, but do adjust as necessary by throwing out “bad” questions, if the performance pattern reveals such (e.g., if the top quartile of students do not get the “bad” question around 70% of the time). So, please be reassured, although there will be a mix of easy and hard questions, I conduct a post-exam review to weed out exam-question outliers should there be any.

**You get to this Practice Exam by clicking on the “Assessment” icon on the far left of the Blackboard menu. It will be available for taking between Saturday May 12th 9:00pm & Monday May 14th 11:59pm.**

You must answer the questions within an allotted 1-hour time period. Once you start, the clock begins to tick and cannot be turned off. And you must save your answers and submit the exam 1 minute before midnight; otherwise the Blackboard system turns your exam into a rotten pumpkin.

Once the window time period for taking the exam closes, you should be able to go to “My Grades,” click on your Exam, and see your score as well as, at the end of most questions, an explanation of correct/incorrect answers.

You are NOT expected to memorize dates or bullet-list type information in the Wikis. This is not a History course. But some of the questions will test your understanding of the basic historical/cultural contexts provided by the Wikis, or other outside web sites.

Do not read my “Prof.” lectures at your own risk!

Only extraordinary, documented emergencies will be accepted for a Make-up Exam. Prudence (fancy professor word!) would dictate you have a back-up computer plan (an FIU library or computer lab, Kinko's, a friend's, etc.) should your dog decide to eat your computer.

**Should there be some major glitch with the Blackboard testing system: please do not email me individually. Use the "General Topic" posting area (right below the area where you filled-in your mini-autobios.) in the Discussion area of the Blackboard menu. That way, all students will see that the glitch has been noted.**

*All best on this and whatever tests you are taking this term, yours, Prof. Harvey*

The grade for this Diagnostic Exam does not count, but will cover the same material as the upcoming Exam#1 (postponed, to make room for this one—so you can have a sense of the type of questions on the first "real" exam and to iron out kinks in the testing system). It will have just a few questions, but they will be kindred to the questions on the real Exam#1.

See Instructions for Exam#1 for info. about the exams in general.