

History 240:

Pirates of the Barbary and the Caribbean

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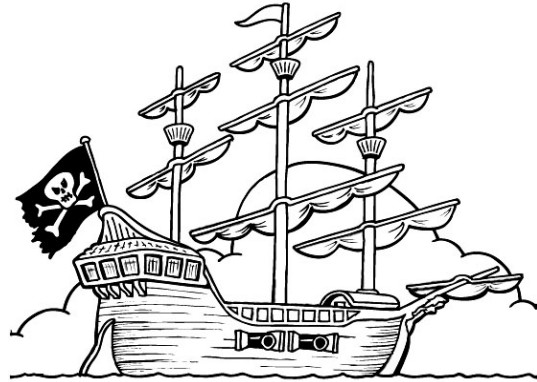
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Office Hours

Every weekday from 10:00-11:00 a.m.

Tuesday & Thursday from 2:00-3:00 p.m.

& Any day by appointment



Course Description

"How historians and others have defined and interpreted acts of piracy in the Mediterranean and the Caribbean seas, looking at novels, monographs, articles, and films."

Required Reading

- ❖ *Bandits at Sea: A Pirates Reader* ed. by C. R. Pennell
- ❖ *Pillaging the Empire: Piracy in the Americas, 1500-1750* by Kris E. Lane
- ❖ *Pirate Latitudes* by Michael Crichton
- ❖ *Stolen Village: Baltimore and the Barbary Pirates* by Des Ekin
- ❖ *Villains of all Nations: Atlantic Pirates in the Golden Age* by Marcus Rediker

Evaluation & Class Participation

- ❖ Report on Pirate Terminology – 10% (due dates will vary)
- ❖ Article notes & synopsis – 10% (Monday 17 September)
- ❖ Midterm – 20% (Friday 5 October)
- ❖ Paper on Women Pirates– 20% (Monday 15 October)
- ❖ Paper on *Pirate Latitudes* – 20% (Wednesday 21 November)
- ❖ Final Exam – 20% (Monday 10 December)

Without question you should be in class every day, ready to learn. Should you fall ill, break your leg, or have another serious dilemma that prevents your attendance, you are responsible for politely asking a classmate if you can **HAND-COPY** their notes (do not forget to say thank you!). Additionally, you should set up a time to go over missed material with Dr. Myers at the earliest possible opportunity. Although no portion of your course grade is allotted to participation, the more you discuss the information you are learning, the better you will learn it. To encourage positive contributions to class discussions, you should know that I use participation to boost borderline grades at the end of the semester. *Also note: All assignments must be completed for you to earn a passing grade in this course.*

Grading Scale

A = 100%-93%	B = 86.9%-83%	C = 76.9%-73%	D = 66.9%-63%
A- = 92.9%-90%	B- = 82.9%-80%	C- = 72.9%-70%	D- = 62.9%-60%
B+ = 89.9%-87%	C+ = 79.9%-77%	D+ = 69.9%-67%	F = below 60%

!!! Important Notes !!!

Please silence all cell phones before class starts, and leave them in your bag/coat/purse...so no text messaging at any time either! During examinations, you may not have on headphones of any type, for any reason.

Students at Monmouth are all expected to read and abide by the Scots Guide Student Handbook (available online at <http://www.monmouthcollege.edu/life/residence-life/scots-guide>), and should pay special attention to the Academic Regulations dealing with Academic Honesty and violations thereof, listed below in bold (*with my comments following each*):

1. **Cheating on tests, labs, etc;** (*This includes bringing in cheat sheets in any form, looking at a neighbor's test, talking during the test, or accessing online materials during a test.*)
2. **Plagiarism, i.e., using the words, ideas, writing, or work of another without giving appropriate credit;** (*You will get a citation guide with your paper assignments that you should be able to follow easily. If you have any questions about how to cite a source at anytime, be sure to ask!*)
3. **Improper collaboration between students, i.e., not doing one's own work on outside assignments specified as group projects by the instructor;** (*If you have questions about when studying together becomes "improper collaboration" be sure to ask. As a general rule, you should make sure you separate yourself from your classmates before you start writing an assignment so that you can be certain it is in your own words and no one else's.*)
4. **Submitting work previously submitted in another course, without previous authorization by the instructor.** (*If you have done an assignment in another course that you think would work well for one in this course, it is not inconceivable that I would give you permission to reuse it...with revisions. Set up a time with me to discuss/negotiate the possibility.*)

All instructors at Monmouth are required to follow the procedures noted in the Student Handbook in regard to violations of the Academic Honesty Policy. It is incumbent upon you to remember the final portion of the Philosophical Statement regarding Academic Honesty: "Any breach of the academic honesty policy – either intentionally or unintentionally - will be taken seriously and may result not only in failure in the course, but in suspension or expulsion from the College. It is each student's responsibility to read, understand and comply with the general academic honesty policy at Monmouth College, as defined here in the Scots Guide, and to the specific guidelines for each course, as elaborated on the professor's syllabus."

Any student eligible for and needing academic adjustments or accommodations because of a disability should speak with Dr. Myers during the first two weeks of class and get in touch with the Teaching and Learning Center on the 2nd floor of Poling Hall, 309-457-2257.

If you have questions or concerns at any point during the course, please come to see me during office hours or make an appointment with me to have a discussion. I am better able to help you learn if I know what help you need.

Class Schedule

Date	Topics to be covered	Readings & Assignments
Wednesday 29 Aug 12	Introduction	
Friday 31 Aug 12	How to approach the history of piracy	<i>Bandits at Sea</i> , Chapter 1 <i>Pillaging the Empire</i> , Foreward, Preface and Acknowledgements, and Chronology
Monday 3 Sept 12	Terror and Reason of piracy	<i>Villains of all Nations</i> , Chapters One & Two
Wednesday 5 Sept 12	Spain and the 16th-century Corsairs	<i>Pillaging the Empire</i> , Chapter 1 ☠ Pirate Terms:
Friday 7 Sept 12	Power and Law on the Seas	<i>Bandits at Sea</i> , Chapter 2 ☠ Pirate Terms:
Monday 10 Sept 12	Reasons for piracy	<i>Villains of all Nations</i> , Chapters Three & Four
Wednesday 12 Sept 12	The Elizabethans	<i>Pillaging the Empire</i> , Chapter 2 ☠ Pirate Terms:
Friday 14 Sept 12	Geography of Piracy	<i>Bandits at Sea</i> , Chapter 3 ☠ Pirate Terms:
Monday 17 Sept 12	Reading Assessment	☠ Article notes & synopsis due

Wednesday 19 Sept 12	International Talk Like a Pirate Day!	
Friday 21 Sept 12	British Privateering	<i>Bandits at Sea</i> , Chapter 4 ☠ Pirate Terms:
Monday 24 Sept 12	Justice & Morality	<i>Villains of all Nations</i> , Chapters Five & Seven
Wednesday 26 Sept 12	The Dutch Sea-Rovers	<i>Pillaging the Empire</i> , Chapter 3 ☠ Pirate Terms:
Friday 28 Sept 12	Economic Perspectives	<i>Bandits at Sea</i> , Chapter 5 ☠ Pirate Terms:
Monday 1 Oct 12	"Defiance of Death Itself"	<i>Villains of all Nations</i> , Chapters Eight & Conclusion
Wednesday 3 Oct 12	Review Day	☠ Pirate Terms:
Friday 5 Oct 12	Midterm	
Monday 8 Oct 12	No class...	...Fall Break
Wednesday 10 Oct 12	Sacking Baltimore	<i>Stolen Village</i> , Chapters One, Two, Three & Four ☠ Pirate Terms:

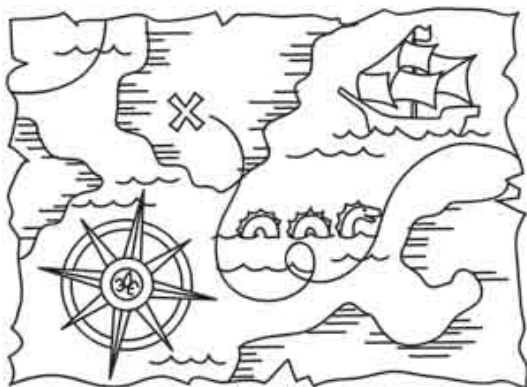
Friday 12 Oct 12	Reaction to the Raid	<i>Stolen Village</i> , Chapters Five, Six, Seven & Eight ☠ Pirate Terms:
Monday 15 Oct 12		☠ Paper on Women Pirates due at 10:00 p.m.
Wednesday 17 Oct 12	Life in Captivity	<i>Stolen Village</i> , Chapters Nine, Ten, Eleven & Twelve ☠ Pirate Terms:
Friday 19 Oct 12	No class...	...Enjoy!
Monday 22 Oct 12	Life in Captivity	<i>Stolen Village</i> , Chapters Thirteen, Fourteen, Fifteen & Sixteen
Wednesday 24 Oct 12	Caribbean Buccaneers	<i>Pillaging the Empire</i> , Chapter 4 ☠ Pirate Terms:
Friday 26 Oct 12	Pirates and Markets	<i>Bandits at Sea</i> , Chapter 6 ☠ Pirate Terms:
Monday 29 Oct 12	Reaching North Africa	<i>Stolen Village</i> , Chapters Seventeen, Eighteen, Nineteen & Twenty
Wednesday 31 Oct 12	Buccaneers in the South Sea	<i>Pillaging the Empire</i> , Chapter 5 ☠ Pirate Terms:
Friday 2 Nov 12	Corsairing	<i>Bandits at Sea</i> , Chapter 7 ☠ Pirate Terms:

Monday 5 Nov 12	Life in North Africa	<i>Stolen Village</i> , Chapters Twenty-One, Twenty-Two, Twenty-Three & Twenty-Four
Wednesday 7 Nov 12	Pirate Suppression	<i>Pillaging the Empire</i> , Chapter 6 & Conclusion ☠ Pirate Terms:
Friday 9 Nov 12	Social Banditry	<i>Bandits at Sea</i> , Chapter 8 ☠ Pirate Terms:
Monday 12 Nov 12	Reactions to Captivity	<i>Stolen Village</i> , Chapters Twenty-Five, Twenty-Six, Twenty-Seven & Twenty-Eight
Wednesday 14 Nov 12	Caribbean Freebooters	<i>Bandits at Sea</i> , Chapter 9 ☠ Pirate Terms:
Friday 16 Nov 12	In-class proofreading day	Bring a copy of your paper with you to class...
Monday 19 Nov 12		☠ Paper on <i>Pirate Latitudes</i> due at 10:00 p.m.
Wednesday 21 Nov 12	No class...	...Thanksgiving.
Friday 23 Nov 12	No class...	...Thanksgiving.
Monday 26 Nov 12	Endgame	Finish <i>Stolen Village</i> ☠ Pirate Terms:

Wednesday 28 Nov 12	Black Men as Pirates	<i>Bandits at Sea</i> , Chapter 10 ☠ Pirate Terms:
Friday 30 Nov 12	The Buccaneer Community	<i>Bandits at Sea</i> , Chapter 11 ☠ Pirate Terms:
Monday 3 Dec 12	Review Week	☠ Pirate Terms:
Wednesday 5 Dec 12	Review Week	☠ Pirate Terms:
Friday 7 Dec 12	Review Week	☠ Pirate Terms:
Monday 10 Dec 12	Final Exam	8:00 a.m.

Course work expectations for Monmouth's new 4-4 Course System

Hours per week in class	= 2.5 hours
Hours per week reading	= 4 hours
Hours per week researching/writing/editing papers	= 3 hours
Hours per week reviewing materials for testing	= 2 hours
Total hours per week*	= 11.5 hours



*Note: If you find that you are spending far more time on any of these areas than these estimates, be sure to set up a time to meet with Dr. Myers to discuss your time management.