

World Cultures
Midterm Study Guide
Spring 2008

Topics:

- Cultural Identity (Huntington and Senocak)
- Hinduism (Eastman Chapter 1)
- Buddhism (Eastman Chapter 2)
- Confucianism (Eastman Chapter 4)
- Taoism (Eastman Chapter 5)
- United Nations:
 - “Convention on the Rights of the Child”
 - “Millennium Development Goals”

Films:

- A Fond Kiss
- Monsoon Wedding
- Born into Brothels
- Shower
- Saving Face

Strategies for Study:

1. Review weekly study questions. If you're missing any of the handouts, they're available at http://vpa.mtu.edu/academics/aplummer/UN1002_Spring2008.htm
2. Review the activity guides for the films. They all contain some background information on the film as well as a set of study questions. The films are all available to watch at the library. If you missed one, or can't remember it clearly, you should take the time to watch it before the exam.
3. Review your notes from lectures. Not everything that was important has been covered on the quizzes. The powerpoints are all available to you in case you missed something.
4. Review your quizzes. These are the sorts of questions I ask. I will probably also ask you to write several essays that are more in-depth than the short essays you've written on quizzes. Make sure you have an extra pen/pencil for the exam, just in case. The questions on quizzes that ask you to list, you should expect to also explain the items (not just list them.)
5. Skim back through the readings from *Visual History*. These readings are intended to give you some background about the cultures the religions are set in. For example, one of the readings explained Indian Partition; another discussed the cultural and political climate Confucius lived in.
6. Ask questions. I know it's been said, but it's really true that if YOU have a question, probably someone else is thinking the same thing. If I know there's a topic that a lot of people are confused about, I won't likely put a question about it on the exam. If no one asks questions, I can only assume that you know everything you need to know.