HIST 105

EMPIRES IN WORLD HISTORY

Summer Session II
MTWTF 1:15-2:45
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Empires have played a significant role in World History. In this course, students will learn about the early states and societies in the Mediterranean world, the great land empires of Eurasia, trade empires that dominated the Atlantic and Indian oceans, and the neo-imperialism of the United States, Russia, and China between the 20th and 21st centuries. Additionally, students will examine the definitions and meanings of empire, imperialism, and colonialism. We will do this by focusing on themes: governance and law, conquest and expansion, trade, formation of identities, and the establishment of settled communities in colonies. Through studying these themes, students will better understand why empire, and its many forms, has endured across time and space.