

September 4th, 2018

Two thoughts:

There will come a time for all of us when all that will be left is the written word, images or anecdotes. What will you leave?

Hanishar: What remains from a moment of time for an entire civilization?

Dear Students,

- On November 8th, 2016, **the United States of America elected Donald J. Trump as its 45th president**. His time in office continues to disrupt national and international norms – highlighting a bitter divide in the American Republic itself. Recently, documentarian Michael Moore declared that Donald Trump will be the last president of the United States. How did Trump reach the presidency? What does his election tell us about the world's most powerful country? What will be the legacy of his time in office?
- On October 17th, 2018, the **Cannabis Act will become the law of the land in Canada** – making us the third nation in the world to legalize marijuana (Georgia and Uruguay are the other two). What will this mean for Canada and the world?

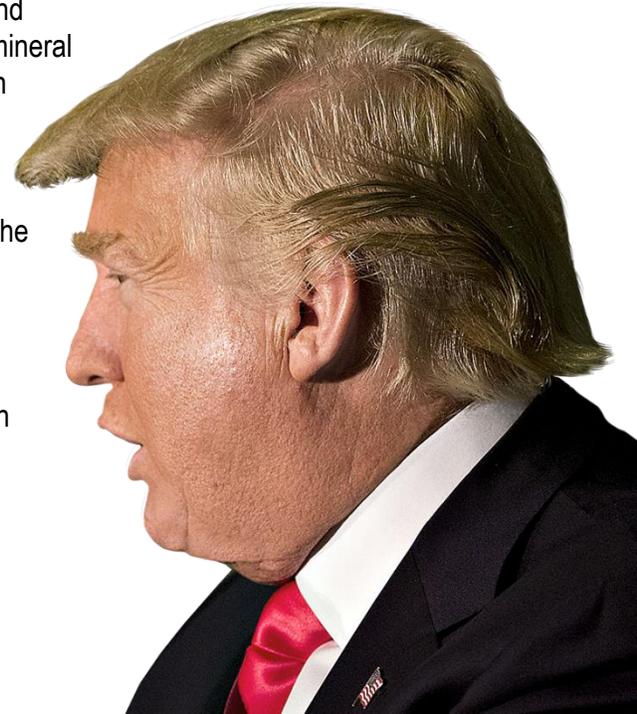


- What has been the impact of **colonialism** on world history, particularly Indigenous Peoples, these past few centuries? How do western institutions and perspectives influence our world view? With interstellar mineral wealth, and water recently discovered on Mars, are we on the cusp of a new age of Imperialism?

- We are in the midst of the **100th anniversary of the First World War** (2018 will mark the 100th anniversary of the end of the “War to End all Wars”) – how will this history be remembered going forward especially now that no veterans are left alive to tell their personal accounts?

- **Climate change** is having an economic, social and political impact on the world.

I am very excited that we are going to be experiencing this all together.



It has been said that studying history is like playing a huge game of telephone - sifting through various stories, exaggerations and factual evidence. This course will present you with all kinds of information that affects you as a Canadian.

In looking at Canada and the World we will make use of many different resources: artefacts, video, primary sources, secondary sources, archives, novels, etc. This course has been designed with many elements that you will see during your time in post-secondary education. I want you to enjoy history, and will do my best to present a positive experience. Please feel free to bring to my attention any questions or concerns you might have during the course.

Some resources to keep in mind:

This class has its own website that can be accessed at: www.tidridge.com

This website is as important as your textbook – check here for assignment checklists, class news, links to sites of interest, and other important information.



This class will also make use of “The Hub” – please make sure you have your account up-to-date.

Wishing you success,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "N. Tidridge", with a horizontal line underneath it.

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