

POLT 403: The U.S. in World Affairs

TAKE-HOME QUIZ

Due 29 January 2018 at the beginning of the class

This quiz is worth 4% of your final course grade.

- I. Historical events since World War II. ● marks events we will cover in some detail.
- a. (1) When was the UN Charter signed?
 - b. (1) When did the Berlin Blockade begin and end?
 - c. (1) When did the USSR get a nuclear capability?
 - d. (1) When was the People's Republic of China proclaimed?
 - e. (1) ● When was the North Atlantic treaty signed?
 - f. (1) When did the Korean War start and when was the armistice signed?
 - g. (1) When was France defeated in Indo-China and North Vietnam become communist?
 - h. (1) When was the Berlin Wall started?
 - i. (1) ● When did the Cuban Missile Crisis start and when did it end?
 - j. (1) When was the Tonkin Gulf Resolution approved?
 - k. (1) ● When did the last African colony become independent?
 - l. (1) When were the Paris Peace Accords signed and by when did all U.S. forces leave Vietnam?
 - m. (1) When did South Vietnam fall to the North Vietnamese?
 - n. (1) When were the two world oil crises (oil shocks)?
 - o. (1) When did the U.S. switch its recognition from the Republic of China on Taiwan to the People's Republic of China
 - p. (1) ● When was the European Union formally established.
 - q. (1) When did Iran become an Islamic republic?
 - r. (1) ● When did Gorbachev become the leader of the USSR?
 - s. (1) When did the Berlin Wall start to come down?
 - t. (1) ● When did the USSR agree to a unified Germany inside of NATO?
 - u. (1) ● When did the USSR formally dissolve?
 - v. (1) When did Putin become the leader of Russia?
 - w. (1) When were the 9-11 attacks on the U.S.?
 - x. (1) When did the U.S. invade Afghanistan and then Iraq?
 - y. (1) When did the U.S. implement sanctions against Russia after its occupation of Crimea?
 - z. (1) When did the U.S. reopen its diplomatic mission in Cuba?

5. **Afghanistan (2 points)**

IV. Name:

1. The state with the **largest population** in Africa, include the number. (3 points)

2. **In order and with figures**, the four states with the **largest populations** in the world (3 points)

3. The currently **independent** states that were once Yugoslavia (3 points)

4. The states that are currently members of the European Union (EU) and their combined population? (3 points)

5. The states that are currently members of NATO. (3 points)

V. Miscellaneous:

1. What is the difference between longitude and latitude? (**Draw a picture**) (3 points)

2. Describe the flight path, if you were to fly the shortest distance to Moscow from Los Angeles.(3 points)
3. What is the approximate distance from China to Taiwan? (3 points)
4. The Kurdish population is spread primarily over which three countries? (3 points)
5. Describe the geographic area, **not a single state**, where the population is predominately Islamic. (3 points)

For this essay, I expect, and will grade accordingly, that you will comply with the following:

- 1) I suggest you review **WRITING IN POLT 403**.
- 2) The essay will be graded on a 6 point scale.
- 3) The essay will be **single-spaced with normal default spacing**, 1" margins, and of required length or the handwritten equivalent. You will use a font with a size of 11 or 12 and a face such as Times New Roman or the equivalent. Examples of faces you will not use are `courier new` and `OCR`. *Failure to follow the above can cost 1 point.*
- 4) The essay will begin with a topic sentence or a thesis statement. ***Failure to do this will cost 1 point.***
- 5) When you draw from a reading or another source for the essay, credit the reading or source with a note in the form – (Bressler, p. 180). ***If I find inadequate sourcing in the essay, I will assign a cut of 1 point.***
- 6) ***If the essay is not of the required length, I will assign a cut 1 of point.***

Topic: You and Course Material

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(6) In a 3/4-page essay, discuss how you can try to avoid the media’s affect on your ability to think effectively about foreign policy.