



Course Title:

3 Millennia of Excellence: A Brief History of Ancient Kemet's Major Personalities

Course Code:

CRM-001

Description:

This course provides scholars with a comprehensive understanding of 3,000 years of Kemetic (Ancient Egyptian) history from an African perspective. Structured according to the major periods (Old, Middle and New Kingdoms) and the intervening Intermediate Periods. The course will paint an intimate portrait of the Ancient Africans who created one of the world's earliest nations which literally gave civilization to the world.

Time:

Last Wednesday of each month at 8:00 PM EST and webcast live at <http://www.africangenesis2.com>. Each class is scheduled to last at least 1 hour including questions.

Location:

211 West 131st Street
 New York, NY 10027
 Lower Level Entrance
 (Between Adam Clayton Powell and Frederick Douglass Blvds.)

Required Texts/DVDs:

Text	Delivery
1) Osaze, Jabari (2010); 3 Millennia of Excellence: A Brief History of Ancient Kemet's Major Personalities (4 Disc DVD Lecture Series); Center for the Restoration of Ma'at	Mailed to each participant
2) Clayton, Peter A. (1994); Chronicle of the Pharaohs: The Reign-By-Reign Record of the Rulers and the Dynasties of Ancient Egypt; Thames and Hudson.	Complete book posted online (Adobe Acrobat Reader file)

Suggested Texts:

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1) Wilkerson, Richard H. (2000); The Complete Temples of Ancient; Thames and Hudson.	Sections of book to be posted online (Adobe Acrobat Reader file)
2) Reeves, Nicholas (2002); The Complete Valley of the Kings: Tombs and Treasures of Ancient	Sections of book to be posted online (Adobe Acrobat Reader file)

Course Expectations:

- 1) Scholars are expected to attend all classes (in-class or online), complete monthly reading selections, periodic assignments, and a mid-term and final exam.
- 2) Scholars are expected to have internet access capable of streaming live video, regularly check their email address, have access to a DVD player, and be able to view Adobe Acrobat files (.pdf).

Outline:

- Session 1) The African Origin of Civilization: The Two Lands Unite
- Course introduction
 - Archaic Period and the Unification under King Narmer
 - Rulers covered: Kings Namer and Scorpion, etc.
- Session 2) The Old Kingdom: African Ingenuity and the Beginning of Time
- Rulers covered: Kings Djoser, Sneferu, Khufu, Djedefra, Khafra, Menkaura, Pepi II; Queen Hetep-Heres
 - Queen Nitocris: The First Female King ... Myth of Reality?
- Session 3) The Quest for the True Mrkhut (Pyramid)
- Session focuses on the creation of the mrkhut, focusing on the Step Mrkhut of King Djoser, Sneferu's three mrkhuti, and the Great Mrkhut of Khufu. The session will also focus of the origin, design, and usage of Kemet's groundbreaking structure.
 - Assignment to be announced
- Session 4) The (First) Fall and Rise of Kemet: The First Intermediate Period and Middle Kingdom
- Weakened central power, the challenges of the First Intermediate Period
 - Africa's interior brings order once more: The Reign of Mentuhotep II
 - Ruler covered: Kings Intefs I, II, and II; Mentuhotep; Queen Sobekneferu
- Session 5) Introduction to Kemetic Literature
- Spiritual (Liturgical) Texts: "Pyramid Text", "Coffin Text", Book of Coming Forth to Day from Night
 - Kemetic Sebayt Literature (Wisdom): Maxims of Ptah Hotep, Instructions of Amenemope and Biblical Book of Psalms
 - Mythic Stories: Discourse Between a Man and His Ba (Soul), Shipwrecked Sailor
 - Monumental Inscriptions
- Session 6) Introduction to Kemetic Spirituality
- 7 Basic Principals of Kemetic Spirituality
 - Assignment to be announced
- Session 7) The Epic African Struggle for Freedom: The Second Intermediate Period and the Rise of the New Kingdom
- This session focuses on the occupation of Kemet by the foreign rulers known as the Hyksos and the epic battle to defeat them and expel them from Kemet by brave Africans from the interior region.
 - Rulers covered: Kings Tao Sequenere, Kamose, Ahmose; Queen Aahotep

MID-TERM ASSIGNMENT (TO BE ANNOUNCED)

- Session 8) Imperial Kemet: The New Kingdom, Part I
- The session covers the Eighteenth and the first part Nineteenth Dynasties
 - Rulers covered: Kings Tehtuimes I, Tehutimes III, Amenhotep III, Akhenaten, Tutankhamen, Ay, Horemheb, etc.; Queens Ahmose-Nefertari, Hatshepsut, Queen Tiye, etc.
- Session 9) Imperial Kemet: The New Kingdom, Part II
- This session covers the Nineteenth and Twentieth Dynasties
 - Rulers covered: Kings Set I, Rameses II, Merneptah, Ramesside Rulers, etc. ; Queens Nefertari, Tworsret, etc.
 - Assignment to be announced
- Session 10) Blueprint for the Neteru (Gods): Kemetic Temple Architecture, Part I
- The architectural advance to the New Kingdom temple
 - Sacred symbolism in design
 - Nabta Playa, Step Mrkhut temple enclosure, Old Kingdom sun temples
- Session 11) Blueprint for the Neteru (Gods): Kemetic Temple Architecture, Part II
- The New Kingdom temple
 - Sacred symbolism in design
 - Karnak Temple, Luxor Temple, Abu Simbel, etc.
- Session 12) Third Intermediate Period: The Decline Begins
- High Priests and Kings: Who is in charge?
 - Rulers covered: Kings Herihor, Pinedjem, Tanis Rulers, Libyans
 - Assignment to be announced
- Session 13) The Powerful Kushitic Rulers of the Twenty-Fifth Dynasty: Re-contextualizing the Golden Land of Nubia
- Africa's interior restores order once more
 - Rulers covered: Kings: Piankhi, Shabaka, Taharqa; Divine Adoratrices: Amenirdis I, Shepenupet I, Amenirdis II
 - Saite Period
- Session 14) The Late Period
- First Persian Period, Brief Kemetic Resurgence, Second Persian Period
- Session 15) Usurpers and Conquerors: The Fall (and Rise?) of Kemet
- Alexander and the Ptolemies
 - Cleopatra VII and the Roman surge
 - Roman period

FINAL EXAM