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Final Examination : during exam period
Term paper (10-15 pages), for topics and reading suggestions, see Bibliography, due : Nov. 22, 1999

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The lectures assume that you have done the required readings for the topics under discussion. It is therefore essential that you keep up with the readings and attend all lectures.

REQUIRED READINGS
    All are available in paperback.

READING ASSIGNMENTS

I  Geographical and Ethno-linguistic Introduction
    Christian, chap. 1

II  Patterns of Ethnogenesis, State Formation, the Early Empires
    Christian, chaps. 2, 4-14
    Barfield, chaps. 1-5
    Morgan, chap. 2
    Golden, Nomads and Sedentary Societies
III The Mongol Empire and Its Successors
   Christian, chaps. 15-16
   Barfield, chap. 6
   Morgan, chaps. 1,3-8

IV Society and Culture
   Christian, chap. 3
   various films

V The Later Khanates, Russian Conquest, the Coming of Modern Times
   Barfield, chaps. 7-9
   Manz, The Rise and Rule of Tamerlane
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1998)  
P.B. Golden, Nomads and Sedentary Societies in Medieval Eurasia (Washington, D.C. :  
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