

HISTORY OF SPAIN

General Description

In this subject our aim is to offer a general view of the History of Spain. We would study the most important political, economical, social and cultural aspects of Spanish History. We would start analysing Prehistory and Ancient History in the Iberian Peninsula. We would continue with the fallen of the Roman Empire, the Visigoth Kingdom, Al-Andalus, the 'Reconquista', the Catholic Kings and the Habsburg dynasty, the crisis of Spanish empire and the Bourbon Reformism. We would learn as well about late Spanish modern history: we would study the Ancient Regime Crisis, the Liberal Revolution, the Restoration, the Primo de Rivera Dictatorship, the II Republic, the Civil War, Francoism and, of course, the Transition to Democracy.

Content

1. Spain: an introduction
2. Prehistoric Spain and the first colonizations.
3. Roman Spain. Conquest and Romanization.
4. The age of invasions. Visigoths and Muslims.
5. Al-Andalus and the Christian 'Reconquista'.
6. The Catholic Monarchs.
7. The age of Spanish hegemony: Charles V Empire and Philip II Monarchy.
8. The decline of Spanish hegemony. Spanish Golden Age.
9. The Bourbon Monarchy Reformism of the XVIII century.
10. The Ancient Regime Crisis (1789-1833).
11. The building of the liberal state (1833-1875).
12. The Restoration (1875-1930) and Primo de Rivera Dictatorship.
13. The Second Spanish Republic (1931-1936) and the Spanish Civil War (1936-1939).
14. Spain under Franco (1939-1975).
15. The Spanish Transition to Democracy (1975-1982).

Assessment

- Attendance to class: 40%
- Exam: 30%
- Participation in class: 30%

Bibliography

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