TEXTS TO PURCHASE:
Ian Kershaw, *Fateful Choices: Ten Decisions that Changed the World, 1940-1941*
Richard Overy, *Why the Allies Won*
Max Hastings, *Overlord: D-Day and the Battle for Normandy*
Evan Thomas,  *Sea of Thunder*
Harold J. Goldberg, *D-Day in the Pacific: The Battle for Saipan*

COURSE REQUIREMENTS & DETERMINING YOUR COURSE GRADE:

*Mid-Term and Final Take-Home Exams:* Each exam should be 5-6 pages. The mid-term will be due the week before Spring Break and the final exam will be due on May 5. Each exam will determine 35 % or your course grade.

*Class Participation:* Participation in Class Discussions will form 15% of your course grade. Attendance also affects your class participation grade. Good attendance combined with no or minimal participation in discussions earns a “C” for participation. If you want to earn a grade of “B” or higher, I will expect a reasonable level of participation in class discussions. Asking relevant questions counts as participation.

*Quizzes on the Readings:* I will give you several short quizzes on the readings with one or two questions. Your quiz grade will determines 15% of your course grade.

*Class Attendance and Tardiness:* Class attendance is required, and you should be in class on time. Be sure to inform me by e-mail (mckeown@kenyon.edu) if you miss class for a good reason, such as an illness, athletic event, etc. so I can mark your absence as excused rather than unexcused. **More than 2 unexcused absences** will lower your course grade by one level: for example from a B- to a C+. **More than 4 unexcused absences** will reduce your course grade to **at most a C**. **More than 6 unexcused absences** will reduce your course grade to **at most a D**. **More than 8 unexcused absences** will result in an F for the course.

*Learning Disabilities:* If you have a learning disability and therefore may need some type of accommodation in order to participate fully in this class, contact *Erin Salva*, Kenyon’s Coordinator of Disability services.
Course Outline and Reading Assignments

I) The Causes of War in Europe & the Pacific
   1/16: No Reading
   1/21: Kershaw: Chapters 3 & 5
   1/23: No Reading
   1/28: Kershaw: Chapters 7 & 8
   1/30: Kershaw: Chapter 9

II) War in Europe, 1939-1945

1) Nazi Success in Europe: 1939-1940
   2/4: Overy, Preface, Chapters 1 & 5
   2/6: No Reading

2) The Bomber War in Europe & The Battle of the Atlantic
   2/11: Overy: Chapter 4
   2/13: Overy: Chapter 2

3) The War in North Africa: September 1940-May 1943
   2/18: Overy, Chapter 8

4) The Italian Campaign: Sicily-Rome, July 1943-June 1944
   2/20: Overy, Chapter 7

5) The Normandy Campaign: June 6-August 1944
   2/25: No Reading
   2/27: No Class

   E-Mail and Pass-Out Mid-Term Exam Question on 2/25, Exam Due on 3/20

Spring Break

   3/18: Hastings: Entire Book

6) Battles for the Rhine, September 1944-March 1945 & Victory in the West
   3/20: Mid-Term Exam Due

7) The War in the East, June 1941-May 1945
   3/25: Kershaw, Chapters 2 & 6
   3/27: June 1941-February 1942
   4/1: From Stalingrad-Kursk, Spring 1942-Summer of 1943
        Overy: Chapter 3
   4/3: The Soviet Drive to Berlin: Summer of 1943-May 1945
        Overy, Chapter 6
III) War in the Pacific

1) Japan on the March, December 1941-February 1942
   A Series of Japanese Victories
   4/8: Thomas, Prologue & Chapters 1-4
   The Tide Begins to Turn
   4/10: Thomas, Chapters 5-8

2) America on the Offensive with Increasingly Superior Forces, 1943-44
   4/15: Thomas, Chapters 9-15 & Epilogue
   4/17: No Reading
   4/22: Goldberg, Introduction & Chapters 1-15

3) 1945: Bloody Battles as Japan Struggles to Escape Defeat
   4/24: No Reading

E-Mail & Pass Out Final Exam Question on 4/24, Exam Due on May 5

IV) World War II: Moral Issues
   4/29: Kershaw, Chapter 10
   Overy, Chapter 9

V) Conclusions
   5/1: Overy, Chapters 10 & Epilogue

Final Exam Due by 5:00 p.m. on May 5