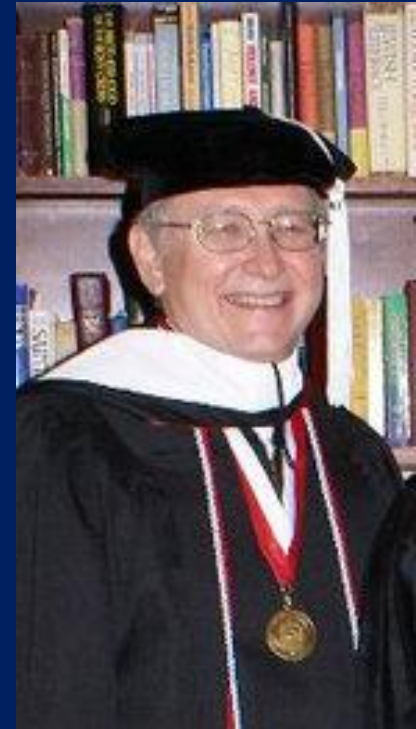




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The Early Middle Ages



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~~Oct. 2~~ On-Line Quiz (Ch. 8)

Oct. 2-5 **The Book of Will (UM)**

Oct. 6 Review Session 4-6 pm

Extra Credit

Oct. 7 **Exam Two**

Oct. 9 Fall Break – No CLASS

Oct. 15 On-Line Quiz (Ch. 9)

Oct. 28 **Stallworth Lecture (USA)**

Extra Credit

Extra Credit

The BOOK of Will



Lonnie & Lynne Burnett ***Event Center***

October 2, 3, 4 @ 7:00 pm

October 5 @ 3:00 pm

(Ticket price will be reimbursed after completing review assignment.)

The *Book of Will* by Lauren Gunderson is a play that is set in 1623, after the tragic death of William Shakespeare.

His closest friends and fellow actors deeply miss him and his beautiful plays. When a pirated, badly botched Hamlet ("To be or not to be, there's the point . . .") plays on a nearby stage, they realize Shakespeare's lines are disappearing into the forgetful memory of time. What they need is a book—a definitive copy of his original plays, but to make one, they'll have to battle an unscrupulous publisher, a boozy poet laureate and their own mortality. Lauren Gunderson's look at Shakespeare's First Folio is a lively, funny, poignant love letter to theatre and the printed word.

Extra Credit

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Stallworth Lecture

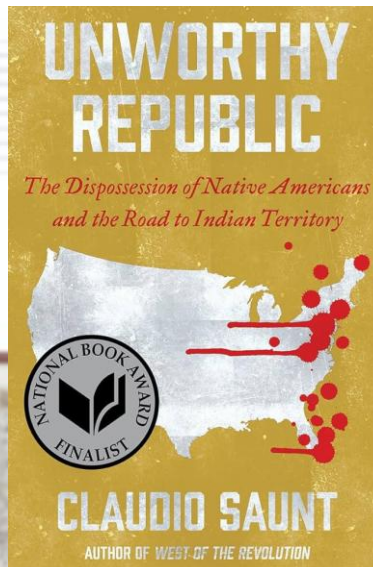


***Tuesday, October 28
7:00 p.m.***

Laidlaw Performing Arts Center

Claudio Saunt

**Professor of American History
University of Georgia**



Claudio Saunt is a Richard B. Russell Professor in American History at the University of Georgia, Athens. He additionally serves as the associate director of the Institute of Native American Studies. *Unworthy Republic* (2020) provides a multilayered account of the expulsions of Native Americans from their homes in the eastern United States to territories west of the Mississippi.

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Manorialism
economic organization



Feudalism
lay (and clerical) elite



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Feudalism

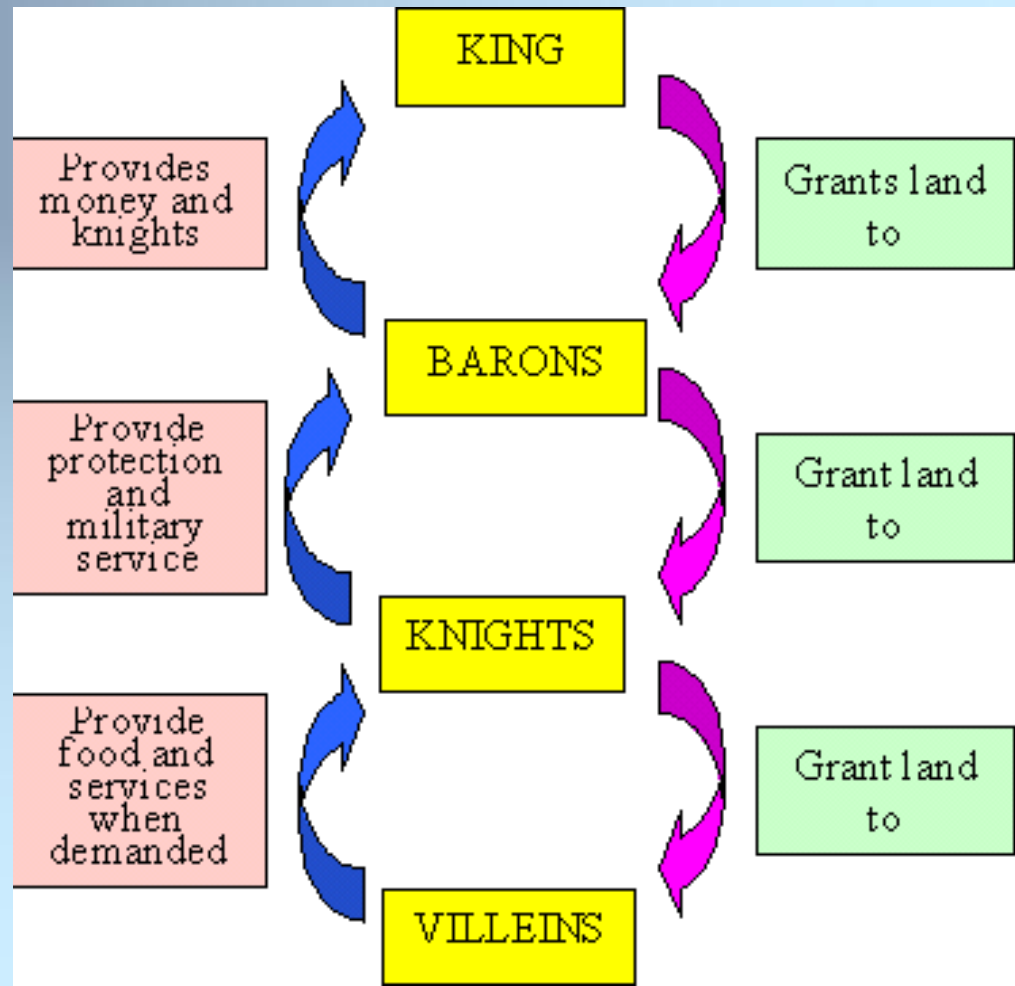
lay (and clerical) elite

Vassal = Celtic for “servant”

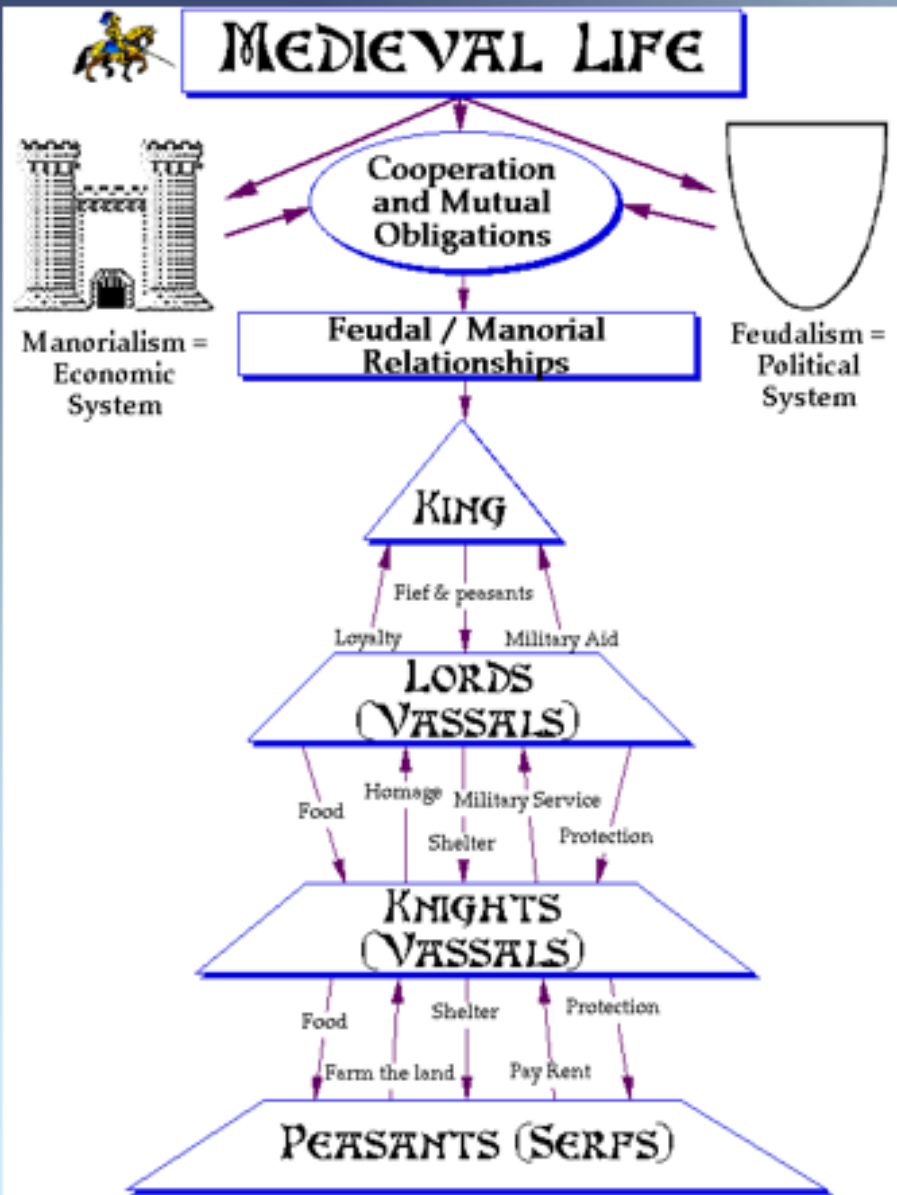
Homage = “Homme” – man

Fief = grant of land, etc.
(rhymes with leaf)

In democracy it's your vote that counts;
In feudalism it's your count that votes



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Manorialism

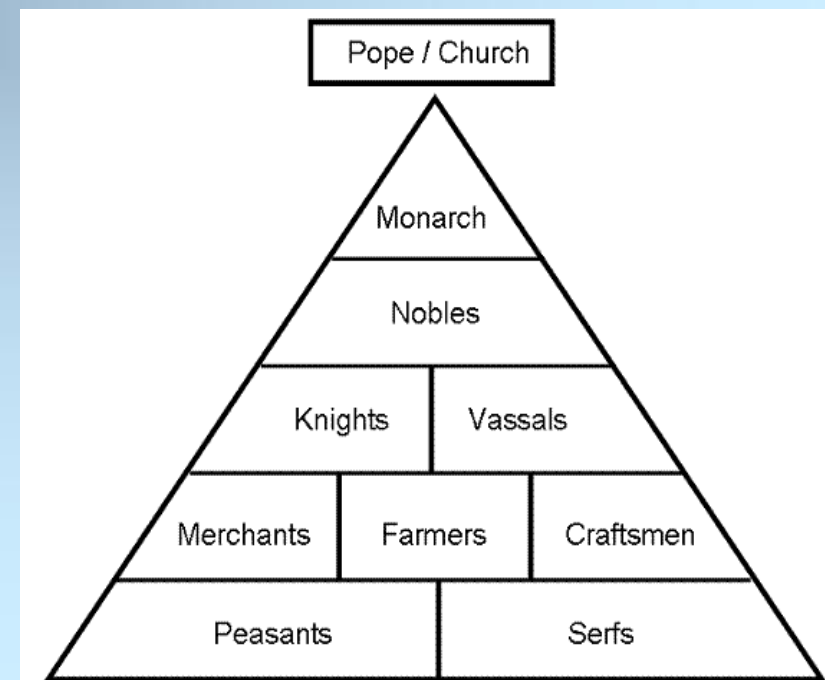
economic organization

Serfs = “servus” slave

a slave that could not be sold

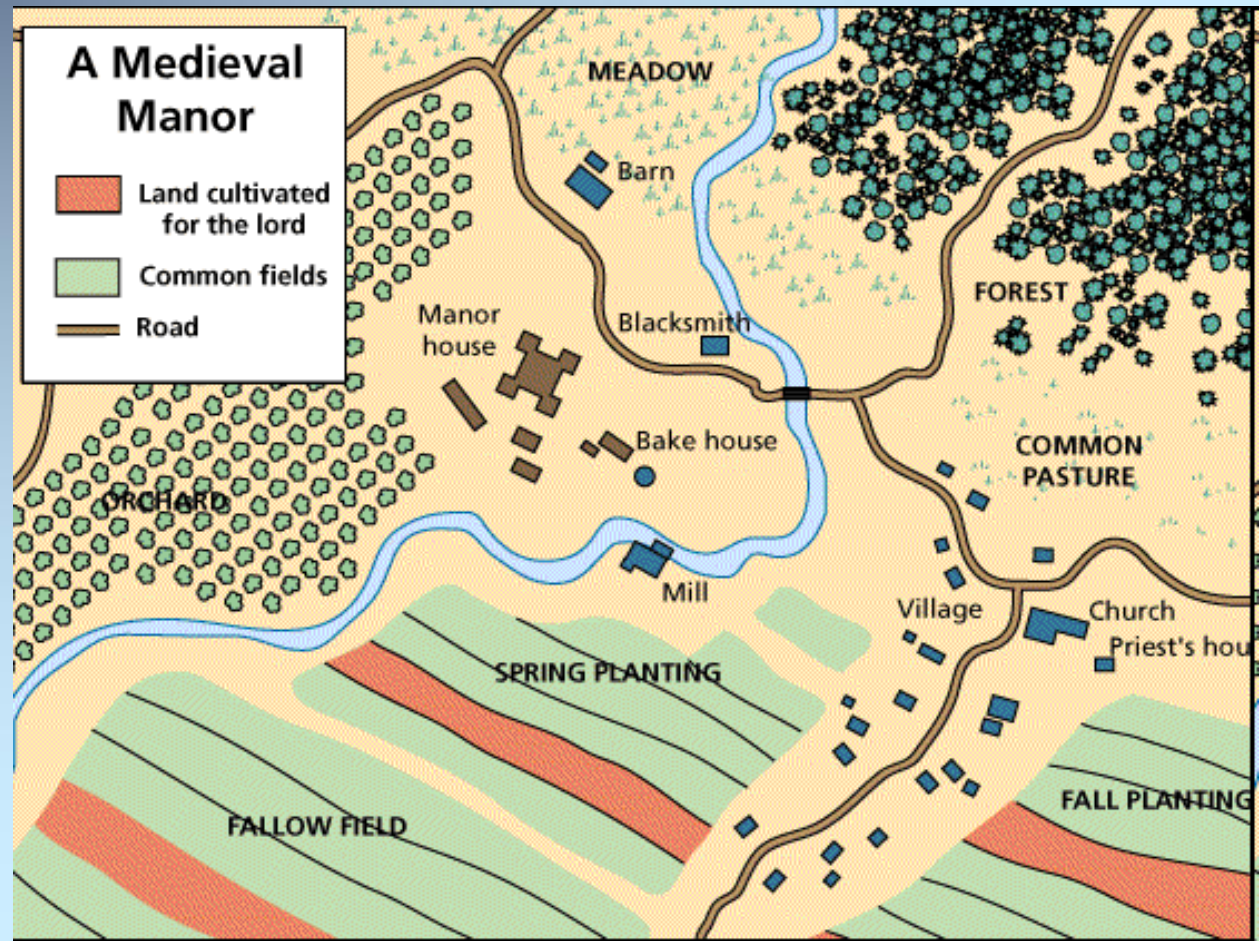
Peasants = Freeman (10%)

Villeins (in the city-villains)



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Half of Taxpayers Paid 97.7 Percent of Federal Income Taxes

Shares of Adjusted Gross Income and Federal Income Taxes Paid by Income Group in 2021



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Figure 2. Income Tax Share by AGI Bracket Range (2022)

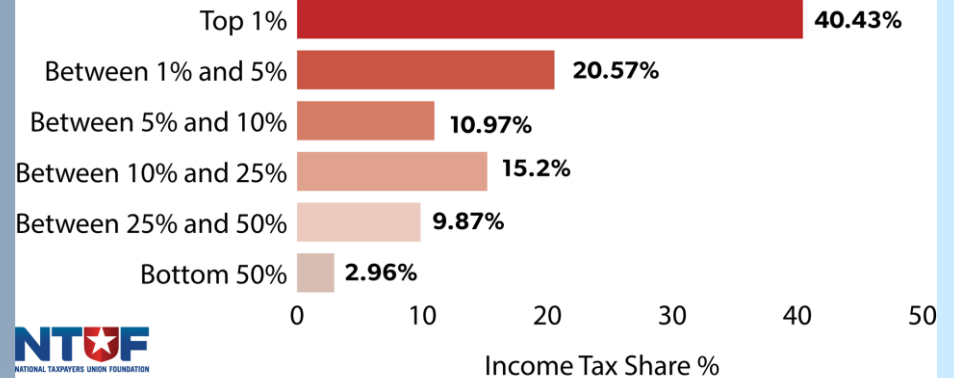


Table 1. Who Pays Income Taxes: Tax Year 2022

Percentages Ranked by AGI	AGI Threshold on Percentiles	Adjusted Gross Income Share	Share of Federal Personal Income Tax Paid
Top 1%	\$663,164	22.40%	40.40%
Top 5%	\$261,591	38.30%	61.00%
Top 10%	\$178,611	49.40%	72.00%
Top 25%	\$99,857	69.90%	87.20%
Top 50%	\$50,339	88.50%	97.00%
Bottom 50%	<\$50,339	11.50%	3.00%



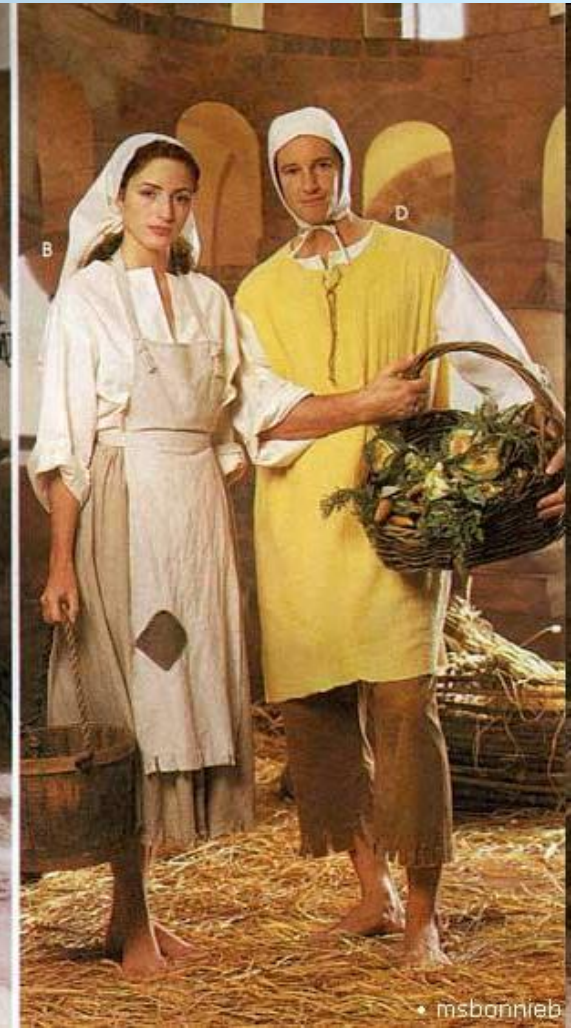
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Peasant Life

Traces of latifundia

Slaves = Slavs

heavy plow = farming
becomes “men’s work”

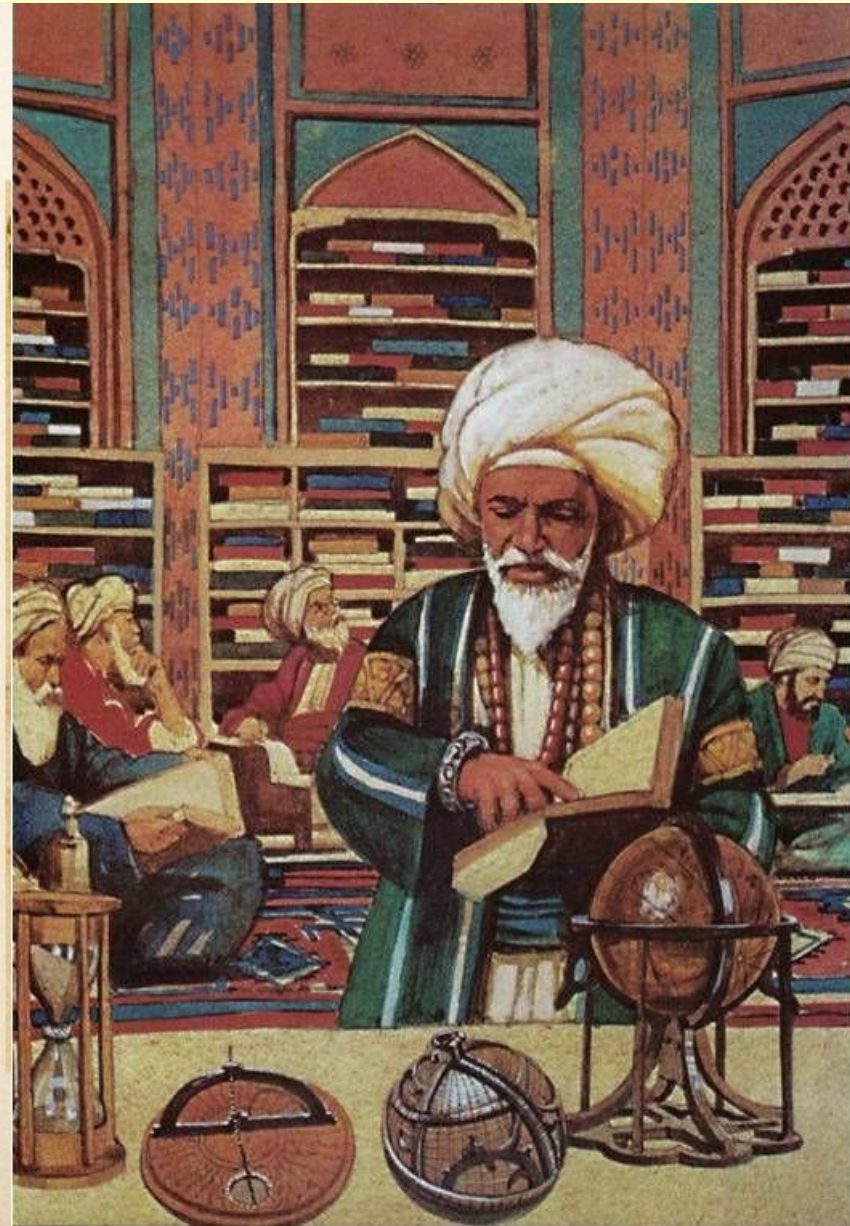


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Chapter 8 – *The Islamic Golden Age*

- Political decline and social turmoil were offset for many by the urban affluence, inventiveness, and artistic creativity of the Abbasid Age.
- Increase in trade and intellectual creativity
- Schools, libraries, and institutes are created in large numbers by the 12th century (Cairo, Baghdad, Córdoba)
 - House of Wisdom in Baghdad established by Harun al-Rashid, 5th Abbasid caliph
- Ancient Greek, Roman, and Persian knowledge is preserved by Muslims.



Next Up... Fall Break (but 1st, Exam 2)

