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PREFACE

This syllabus was originally prepared for the use of the instructors and students in the introductory course in European history in the University of Missouri. In this course a "discussion method" has been adopted, and each hour is given up to the informal discussion, by the instructor and the class, of some important topic. The students are responsible for the prescribed work in the text and in the *Readings* (abridged edition), and also for at least one selection from the collateral references given in the syllabus. They are, of course, encouraged to read more, but one is the minimum. Each section of the syllabus covers work for one hour's discussion, and each of the two parts represents the work for one half year.

In the hope of aiding the student as much as possible in getting a clear grasp of the course and connection of events, the topics have been very fully and carefully outlined in as clear and connected a manner as possible. This practice makes the present syllabus different from most others that have been published, in which the element of causation and connection is not strongly emphasized. It also differs from other syllabi in that, while not following Professor Robinson's book slavishly, it is based for the most part on one of the best known and most serviceable accounts of the history of mediæval and modern times that has appeared. The writer intends his syllabus to be an aid to the study of the *History of Western Europe* and the *Readings in European History*, either the abridged or the two-volume edition.

The collateral reading references do not pretend to be exhaustive in any way, but merely consist of works that the writer has

found by actual experience to be useful and suitable for undergraduate classes. No exhaustive bibliography for the mediæval and modern periods has been attempted, but for the convenience of teachers and students a brief list of the most serviceable reference books, with the publisher and list price, has been prefixed to the syllabus. It is hoped that those who use the syllabus to any extent will find it helpful and stimulating towards further study in the periods with which it deals. The review questions, which occur from time to time, are designed to stimulate the student's power of orderly thought and to suggest points of comparison and ideas of causation.

As in many institutions the larger, or two-volume, edition of the *Readings* is used, care has been taken to include among the collateral readings references to this edition.

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