

EARLY WESTERN EUROPE

Western Europe to 1500

- King Alfred: “three eighths” division of freeborn time
- Serf vs. landed class
 - 90% of earnings spent on food
- Hobbes: “nasty, mean, brutish, and short”
- 40,000 monasteries(!)

Western Europe to 1500

- Chess
- Reed flute play
- Community and family unit play
 - Child mortality, parent mortality
- Male vs. female
 - Bar room games, gambling, bull baiting
 - French *veillées*

Western Europe to 1500

- Apprentice, journeyman, master dynamics

Taverns and alehouses he shall not haunt; dice, cards or any othe runlawful games he shall not use; fornication with any women he shall not commit; matrimony with any woman he shall not contract. He shall not absent himself by day or by night without his master's leave but be a true and faithful servant.

Western Europe to 1500

- Journeyman groups
 - Intertrade brawls
 - Secret festivals and rites
- Drinking: “drank every day a pint before breakfast, a pint at breakfast with his bread and cheese, a pint between breakfast and dinner, a pint at dinner, a pint in the afternoon about six o’ clock, and another when he had done his day’ s work.” –Benjamin Franklin
- Saturnalia

Western Europe to 1500

- Elite classes
 - Upper clergy
 - Scholars
 - Royalty
 - Warriors
 - Landed elite
- Funded by serfdom, monopolies, taxes, etc.
- Elite activities
 - Fox, hart hunting
 - Longbow
 - Falconry
 - Combat training
 - Individualism
- Robin Hood
- Emergence of chivalry under Eleanor of Aquitaine (12th century), urban centers

1500s

- Protestant Reformation
- Martin Luther
- 1517: 95 Theses
- Emergence of the middle class
- Emergence of Puritanism
 - Work as worship
 - Structuring of work time: the mark of improving humanity
- John Calvin, Geneva, 1550s
- Election
- Sanctification
- Leisure as lure to sin

1600s

- Puritans: Methodical work improves humanity
 - “God sent you not into this world as a Play-house, but a Work-house.”
 - Weber: Work is holy (ergo leisure is not)
 - Cyclical time vs. time as progress

Greece

Medieval
Europe

Protestant/
Puritan

Moderation

Carnival/Lent

Austerity/
Improvement

1600s

- Exercise is good to the extent it prepares you for work, military
- Play is for children
 - Oxford bans football in 1555
 - Pride in athletic ability
 - Glorification of violence
- Abolition of many holidays, focus on quiet family Sundays
- 1648: Peace of Westphalia

1600s

- 1650 – 1660
 - Cromwell years of England
 - Restoration carries some Puritan ideals forward
- Radical Puritan migration to Holland
- The New World – Frontier Phase
 - 1620: Plymouth/Mayflower
 - 1630: Massachusetts Bay colony, John Winthrop
 - Boston Sabbath baptisms
 - Fear of the Wild
 - Sleepy Hollow